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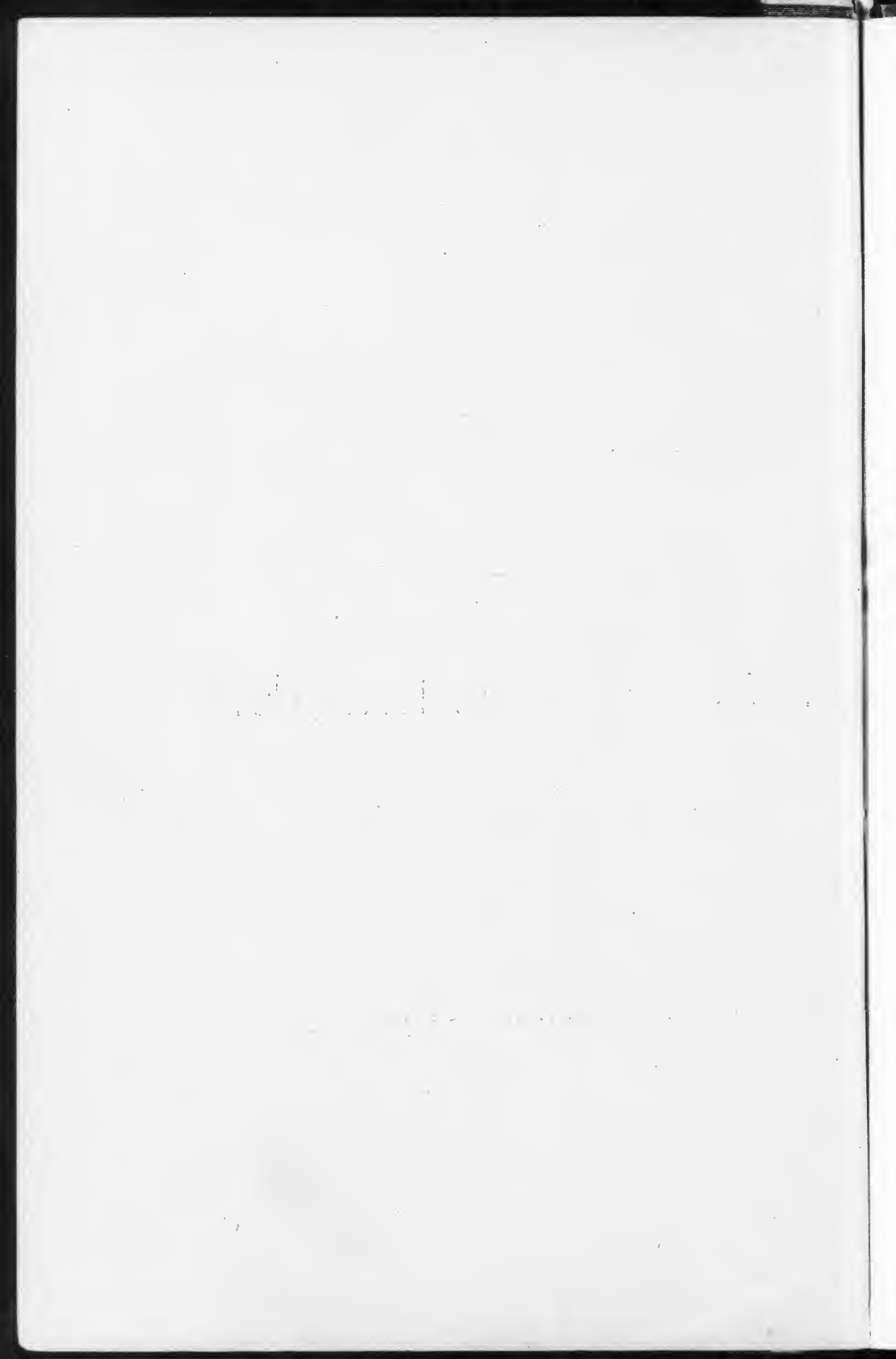
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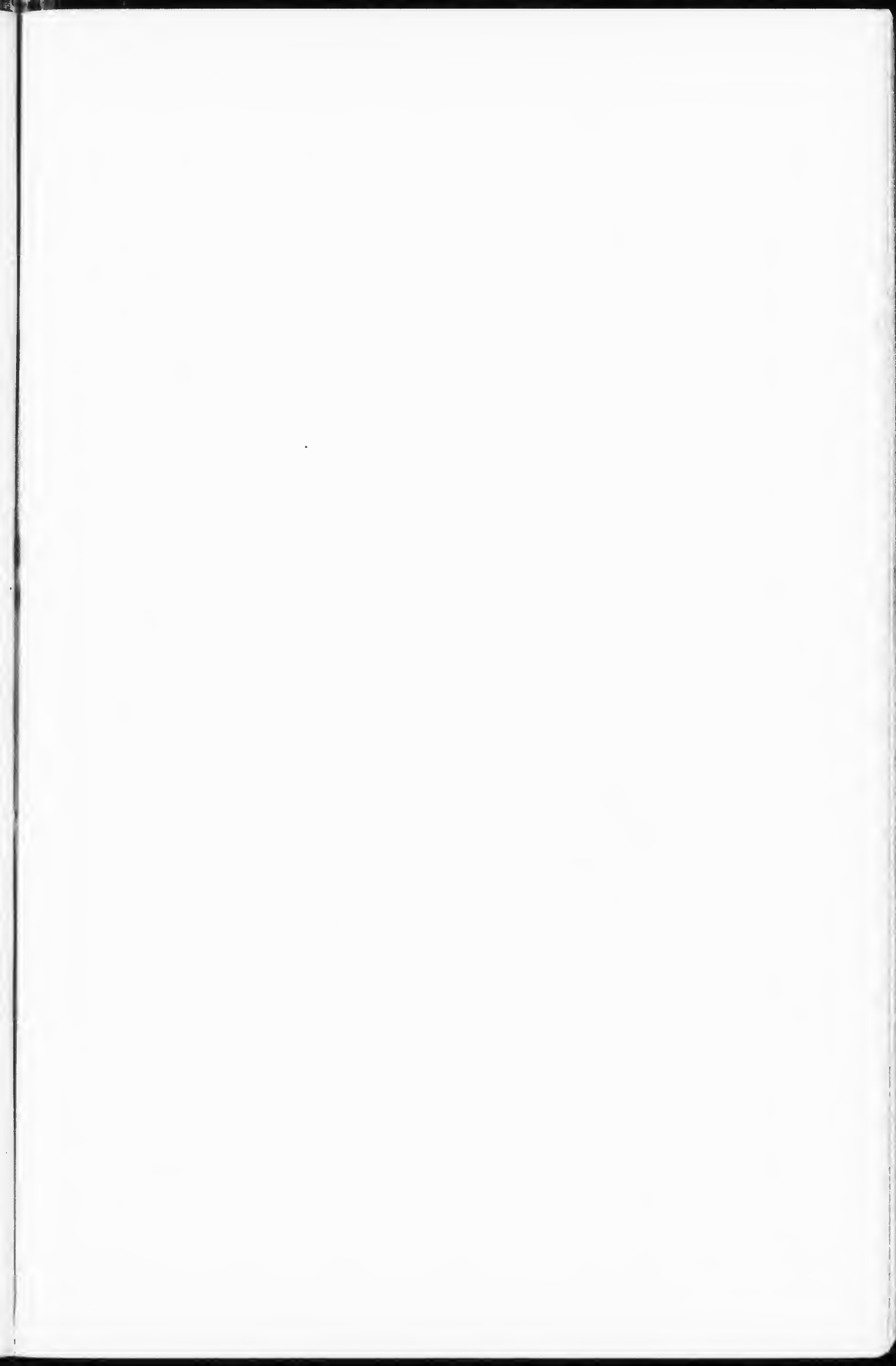
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## DAKOTA METHODISM.

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October 12, 1860, the first regularly appointed Methodist Minister entered Dakota and began his work.

YEAR.	CIRCUITS.	MEM. & PRO.	DISTRICTS.	MISSIONS.
1870	5	335		
1875	13	618	1	
1880	25	some 1,500	3	2
1884	100	some 6,000	6	3
1886	160	9,734	7	1 and 2 conferences
1887	190	11,800	8	1 and 2 conferences
1888	218	14,700	8	1 and 2 conferences

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### SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	NUMBERS.	SECRETARY.
Sept. 1880	YANKTON,	BISHOP WARREN,	1050	WM. MCCREADY
Oct. 1881	SIOUX FALLS,	" HURST,	1366	"
" 1882	PARKER,	" MERRILL,	1504	"
" 1883	HURON,	" SIMPSON,	2782	D. RIFENBARK.
" 1884	MITCHELL,	" ANDREWS,	4469	"
" 1885	BLUNT,	" FOSS,	5209	A. R. BOGGS.
" 1886	WATERTOWN,	" BOWMAN,	6565	"
" 1887	ABERDEEN.	" FOWLER,	8225	"
" 1888	YANKTON,	" WALDEN,	9474	"
" 1889	HURON,	" VINCENT,	10526	W. H. JORDAN
" 1890	MITCHELL,	" FITZGERALD	9663	G. D. CLEWORTH



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## FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, Oct. 9.

The Sixth Session of the Dakota Annual Conference opened in the M. E. Church, Mitchell, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Thursday, October 9th, Bishop FitzGerald presiding.

After singing, Dr. Brush lead in prayer. The Bishop then read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer. A familiar hymn was sung, after which the roll was called; 49 members and 16 probationers responded.

G. D. Cleworth was elected secretary, and C. H. Smith and C. W. East were elected assistants.

J. P. Jenkins was elected statistical secretary, and L. W. Ray, L. B. Wiles, I. A Sparks, F. H. Wheeler, were elected his assistants.

C. E. Hager was elected treasurer, and Duane Rifenbark and O. H. Sproul were elected assistants.

On motion of the Presiding Elders, the following Standing Committees were appointed:

CHURCH EXTENSION—S. D. Robinson, W. J. Hyde, D. Rifenbark, G. J. Corwin, S. C. Leavell.

EDUCATION—W. H. Selleck, A. R. Boggs, J. G. Hall, J. C. Shelland, L. L. Hanscom.

PROHIBITION—H. H. Dresser, L. W. Miller, C. E. Hager, S. A. French, J. S. Akers.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—S. Washburn, T. A. Jones, Thos. Simmons, D. Rifenbark, R. C. Opie.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS—Presiding Elders.

STEWARDS—M. E. Nickerson, W. F. Minty, D. Gostellow, W. C. Sage, T. Carson.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—H. M. Springer, L. B. Wiles, J. E. Norvell, E. W. Sage, W. H. Irwin.

CHURCH LITERATURE—W. J. Hyde, E. E. Clough, C. H. Smith, O. H. Sproul.

BIBLE CAUSE—A. Jamieson, Frank Colony, W. D. Deeble, J. Trewartha, A. E. Tanner.

RESOLUTIONS—J. G. Hall, L. W. Ray, H. M. Springer, I. C. Phifer, G. D. Cleworth.

WOMENS' FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—O. E. Bullock, R. C. St. Clair, R. C. Opie, J. P. Jenkins, I. A. Sparks.

MEMOIRS—S. C. Leavell, J. Mottershead, A. E. Tanner, J. P. Jenkins, A. R. Boggs.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND TRACTS—L. B. Wiles, A. Jamieson, A. P. Janes, O. H. Sproul, W. H. Irwin.

PRESIDING ELDER'S ACCOUNTS—S. A. French, T. H. Hendricks, W. H. Selleck, O. A. Phillips, T. Carson.

AUDITING TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS—C. H. Smith, D. Gostellow, F. H. Wheeler, H. H. Dresser, E. E. Clough.

POST OFFICES—J. B. Dibble, I. C. Phifer, W. O. Redfield, A. H. Colton.

STATE OF CHURCH—Wm. E. Robinson, A. R. Boggs, L. L. Hanscom, S. Washburn, T. Simmons.

FREEDMAN'S AID—L. B. Wiles, G. D. Cleworth, J. S. Akers, F. H. Wheeler.

BOOK ACCOUNTS—A. E. Tanner.

On motion Dr. Brush and A. W. Adkinson were added to the Educational Committee.

The following communications were received, and referred to Committees, viz.:

From the Book Concern relating to the patronizing of other than its periodicals; W. H. Selleck, A. R. Boggs, and J. G. Hall, Committee.

From the Presbyterian church regarding the settling of disputes between nations by some other method than war—referred to Committee on Resolutions.

From the Committee on Entertainment of the General Conference; referred to the Presiding Elders.

A paper on the distribution of the Episcopal Fund, referred to the Presiding Elders.

J. E. Norvell was elected agent for "Gospel in All Lands."

The hours of the business session of the Conference were fixed from 8:30 to 12 A. M., the first half hour to be devoted to religious exercises.

The bar was fixed at the center of the church.

A communication from the Board of Bishops, on the proposition to change the representation in the General Conference, was presented, and the time for considering it fixed at 10 A. M. Saturday.

The Bishop announced a dividend of \$30 from the chartered fund, and \$583 from the Book Concern, for Conference claimants, and drafts were ordered for the same.

Dr. Earl Cranston addressed the Conference in the interest of the Book Concern.

S. C. Leavell was appointed reporter for the Mitchell Republican, and L. W. Miller for the Davison County Gazette.

R. C. Opie was made Conference Postmaster.

A communication from the Veteran Ministers Relief Association was, on motion, referred to the Board of Stewards.

The 20th question was called, the character of F. A. Burdick, Presiding Elder of the Aberdeen District passed, and he made his report.

The characters of the following effective elders were passed and the first three reported their collections, the others being absent. W. H. Selleck, Thos. Simmons, David Gostellow, S. F. Brown, A. E. Burrows, J. S. Akers.

Huron District was called, the character of Lewis Bradford, P. E. passed and he reported his district.

The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they made their reports viz.: L. B. Wiles, H. H. Dresser, A. R. Boggs, A. E. Tanner, Wm. Fielder.

Mitchell District was called. The character of C. B. Clark, P. E., was passed and he made his report.

The characters of the following effective Elders were also passed and the first seven reported their collections.

G. J. Corwin, E. W. Sage, Sanford Washburn, J. G. Hall, L. W. Miller, W. F. Minty, A. W. Adkinson, H. E. Wyckoff, Wm. Brush, D. D., Wm. Underwood.

Sioux Falls District was called. The character of W. H. Jordan, P. E., passed and he reported his district.

The characters of the following effective Elders were passed and the first seven made their reports, viz.:

M. E. Nickerson, A. Jamieson, J. P. Jenkins, Duane Rifenburg, J. E. Norvell, G. D. Cleworth, E. E. Clough, T. H. Walker, L. L. Hanscom, and Theodore Gerrish.

On motion time was extended.

Watertown District was called. The character of A. D. Traveller, P. E., passed and he made his report.

The characters of the following effective Elders were also passed and the first six reported their collections.

James Trewartha, Robt. C. St. Clair, O. A. Phillips, H. M. Springer, C. E. Hager, J. C. Shelland, S. P. Brokaw, Thomas Hambly, C. H. Botkin.

The following were appointed a Committee on the Epworth League: W. H. Selleck, L. W. Miller, H. H. Dresser, F. H. Wheeler, and J. P. Jenkins.

Notice of the transfer of Jas. H. Kevan, a probationer of the 2nd year, to this Conference from North Nebraska Conference was read.

The following visiting brethren were introduced: Revs. Geo. Comfort of Montana Conference, A. Dulitz and P. H. Wacker of North-west German Conference.

W. H. Jordan was elected Railroad secretary.

J. E. Norvell, W. H. Selleck, and S. D. Robinson were appointed to lead devotional exercises on Friday, Saturday and Monday, respectively.

A. W. Adkinson and C. B. Clark were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

Committees were read. Announcements made. The doxology was sung and Rev. A. Dulitz pronounced the Benediction.

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## SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10.

Conference opened at 8:30, devotional exercises being led by J. E. Norvell. At 9 o'clock Bishop FitzGerald took the chair.

Minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

Question 19 was called and D. W. Chamberlain was continued a superannuate.

Question 18 was called, and T. S. Fowler, A. D. Dexter, O. H. Sproul, H. T. Curl, F. M. Robertson, Wm. M. Welch, Louis Hartsough were continued in the Supernumerary relation, and S. C. Leavell and W. H. Selleck granted the same relation.

Question 16 was called: No recommendations.

Question 10 was called, and the following were elected to local Deacons' Orders: Wm. H. Cory, Geo. F. Bieber, Chas. B. Warren, Wm. J. Vanix.

Question 13 was called, and the following were advanced to travelling Deacons of the second class:

Thos. A. Jones, Richard C. Opie, Wm. C. Sage, Edward Vaughn and Thos. Carson.

Silas A. French, a travelling Deacon of the first class, was advanced both years and elected to Elders' orders.

Wm. W. Brown, (1889), Francis T. Nicholls, (1889), Wm. H. Matson, (1888), Phillip K. Hammond, (1888), and Fred E. Leazer (1888), were continued in the first class of travelling Deacons.

The Bishop was authorized to appoint Wm. H. Matson to the Government Indian school at the Yankton Agency.

On motion Hosea Locke was made effective, and the Bishop requested to appoint him to the Indian school at Flandreau.

Question 14 was called. What travelling deacons have been elected elders?

Chas. H. Smith, Samuel C. Leavell, Wm. D. Deeble, Wm. J. Hyde, Frank H. Wheeler, Edward O. Bullock, Wm. H. Irwin and Silas A. French.

Question 3 was called and the following were continued on trial: Wm. H. Cory, Geo. W. Hickman, Chas. B. Warren, Lyman W. Ray, Lyle F. Beach, Jas. F. Davis, Abel H. Colton, Clarence W. East, Albert S. Mason, Alex. D. Smith, Ellis S. Chappel, Jas. D. Allison, (1889), Jas. H. Kevan, I. C. Phifer (1888), and Thos. H. Garvin.

The following were continued in the first year on trial: Jos. E. Herrinton (1889), Thos. Sanderson (1889), Wm. H. Colvin (1889), Edwy S. Ireland (1889), and Chas. J. Wright (1889.)

Wm. P. Pearce and Jos. R. Goudy were discontinued.

Wm. H. Underwood was discontinued at his own request.

Dr. Edwards, Dr. J. C. W. Coxe and Dr. Chadwick were introduced, and briefly addressed the Conference.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Book Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Book Committee, concerning the distribution of dividends to Conferences that withdraw support of general conference organs by supporting papers, others than official organs, do recommend that said fact be taken into account in making up distribution.

W. H. SELLECK,  
J. G. HALL,  
A. R. BOGGS,  
Committee.

Dr. Brush extended an invitation to the Conference to visit Dakota University in a body, and it was decided to hold a Conference Session there at 2 P. M. to-morrow.

A communication regarding the needs of the army and navy was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The case of Wm. W. Brown was referred to the Conference Stewards.

On motion the Bishop was requested to leave James Rowe without an appointment to attend school.

Question 5 was called. Who are admitted into full connection?

Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, Jas. B. Dibble, Samuel D. Robinson, Donald C. McLean, Arza P. Janes, Joseph Mottershead.

Jas. H. Kevan was continued on trial with the privilege of bringing up the studies of both the first and second years.

The address of the Bishop to the candidates for ordination was made the order for Saturday afternoon.

Ellis S. Chappel was granted the privilege to appear next year before the Examining Committees of both the second and third years.

Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Dr. Chadwick.

**THIRD DAY.****MORNING SESSION.**

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SATURDAY, OCT. 11.

After devotional exercises led by W. H. Selleck, Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 9 o'clock A. M. Minutes of the second day's proceedings were read, corrected and approved.

On motion the case of Mrs. Rev. W. B. Affleck was referred to the Board of Stewards.

The report of the Committee on the American Bible Society was adopted: [See Report B.]

The Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society presented its report. Mrs. Mary C. Ninde and Mrs. L. M. Hartsough were introduced and addressed the Conference, after which the report was adopted: [See Report C.]

The case of Mrs. Wm. Vivian was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Lewis Hartsough was made publisher of the Conference Minutes, and was allowed to use his own judgment in the matter of advertisements.

Question 2 was called. Who are admitted on trial? Thos. H. Trevithick, Thos. D. Collins, Chas. E. Matteson, Geo. F. Bieber, Benj. W. Allison, Eratus S. Darling, Robert M. Staveley, Frank A. Colony, Wm. J. Vanix, John A. Lucas and Albert E. Carhart.

Of these were conditioned:

Thos. D. Collins on Arithmetic.

Geo. F. Bieber on Arithmetic and History.

Benj. W. Allison on History.



Eratus S. Darling was admitted on the certificate of his having passed his examination in Canada.

The minimum standing for passing on any study was fixed at 7 out of 10.

A supernumerary relation was granted to T. H. Walker.

Theo. Gerrish was placed on the Superannuated list.

The Bishop was requested to leave Lyle F. Beach and Thos. Sanderson without appointments in order to attend school.

Edwy S. Ireland was granted permission to bring up the studies of both first and second years.

The order of the day was taken up viz.: The matter of the change of the ratio of laymen to ministers in the General conference. On motion the vote was laid over until afternoon, after the reception service.

The committee on Prohibition reported.

The report was discussed, amended and adopted. [See Report D.]

Rev. Wm. Fielder, president of the South Dakota Prohibition Enforcement League, was called for and addressed the Conference.

Brothers Akers and Shelland were directed to prepare a paper for Nebraska, setting forth that it is the verdict of Dakota Conference that "Prohibition does prohibit."

A motion was carried that where desired, preachers retain their present residence until after election.

The Committee on Periodicals made its report. Adopted. [See Report E.]

The Board of Stewards reported. Adopted. [Report F.]

The committee on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society reported. Report adopted. [Report G.]

Committee on the church Extension Society, made its report. Adopted. [Report H.]

The 34th question was called, and made the order for Monday morning immediately following the opening of Conference.

A resolution regarding the Columbian Exposition was adopt-

ed and the secretary directed to forward a copy to the managers.

The report on the Standing Committees was adopted. [See Standing Committees.]

The Bishop was requested to appoint Sanford Washburn financial agent of Dakota University.

The Bishop was requested to leave Chas. H. Smith and Lucas G. Furnier without appointments in order to attend school.

A resolution by E. E. Clough, on Sabbath Observance, was passed and added to the report of the Committee on that subject. [Report L.]

The Committee on Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts, reported. Report adopted. [Report J.]

The report of the Committee on the Epworth League was adopted. [Report K.]

The following visitors were introduced:

S. L. Hanscom of East Maine Conference.

Wm. E. Gifford of Rock River Conference,

F. D. Newhouse of North Indiana Conference,

W. T. Miller of Minnesota Conference,

W. D. Phifer of Cornell College,

Announcements were made and Dr. Brush pronounced the benediction.

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### THIRD DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION,

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SATURDAY, OCT, 11,

Conference met in the University Chapel at 2 o'clock P. M., the Bishop in the chair. After devotional exercises led by A.

D. Traveller, the Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The class for admission into full connection was called and addressed by the Bishop, after which the following were elected to Deacon's orders.

Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, Jas. B. Dibble, Samuel D. Robinson, Donald C. McLean, Arza P. Janes, and Joseph Mottershead.

The order of the day was taken up, viz.: The General Conference Question on larger lay representation in the General Conference.

A vote being taken resulted as follows: Yeas 17, Nays 38.

The committee on Sabbath Observance reported. Report adopted. [Report L.]

The committee on Education made its report. Adopted. [Report M.]

It was ordered that the money now in the hands of the Conference Treasurer, for Education, be turned over to the Treasurer of the Dakota University Board.

The following were elected members of the Dakota University by the Secretary casting the vote of the Conference.

W. H. Jordan, R. N. Kratz, Wm. Fielder, Jos. Harker, J. P. Ward, and W. F. T. Bushnell.

W. H. Jordan reported for the visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute.

Hon. J. A. Pickler was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Wm. Fielder announced a prohibition mass meeting for Monday the 13th inst.

Conference closed with benediction by J. S. Akers.

**FOURTH DAY.**

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MONDAY, OCT. 13.

After devotional exercises led by S. D. Robinson, the Bishop took the chair at 9:50 o'clock A. M.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The Statistical Secretary reported. Report adopted. (See Statistical Tables.)

The Treasurer made his report. Adopted.

The Treasurer was directed to forward the Woman's Home Missionary Society collection to Cranston and Stowe, Chicago.

The Committee on Auditing Treasurer's Accounts reported. Adopted. (Report N.)

There being no invitations in for the Conference of 1891, the matter was referred to the Presiding Elders.

The Committee on Sunday-School Union and Tracts reported. Adopted. (Report O.)

The Committee on Resolutions reported item by item, each being adopted by a rising vote. (See Report P.)

Mrs. Alice Pickler being present, was called for, and spoke to the resolution on striking out the word "male" from the State Constitution.

The Bishop announced the transfer to this Conference of F. D. Newhouse from North Indiana Conference.

Chas. H. Botkin was placed on the supernumerary list.

Wm. Fielder was made Conference Prohibition Agent.

The committee appointed to prepare a Prohibition paper for Nebraska reported.

The report was adopted by a rising vote and the committee was requested to give it wide publication. (See Report D.)

A vote of thanks was extended to Rev. Geo. Comfort of Montana for a selection for the cabinet of Dakota University.

The Committee on Missionary Apportionment reported. Adopted. (See Missionary Appropriations.)

H. M. Springer, in behalf of the brethren of the Watertown District, presented A. D. Traveller, the retiring Presiding Elder an autograph and photograph album, containing the autographs and photographs of the preachers of the district.

The Secretary was ordered to print the price of the Conference Minutes on the cover.

Morning Minutes read and approved.

On motion it was ordered that after the reading of appointments the Conference stand adjourned sine die.

Brothers Jamieson and Underwood led in prayer, after which the Bishop briefly addressed the Conference and read the list of appointments. The doxology was sung; the Bishop pronounced the benediction and the Conference stood adjourned.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that I ordained as deacons in the Dakota Annual Conference at Mitchell, South Dakota, October 12, 1890, the following brethren: Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, Jas. B. Dibble, Samuel D. Robinson, Donald C. McLean, Arza P. Janes, Joseph Mottershead, Wm. H. Cory, Chas. B. Warren, Wm. J. Vanix and Geo. F. Bieber; and, assisted by Elders, the following persons as Elders: Chas. H. Smith, Samuel C. Leavell, Wm. D. Deeble, Wm. J. Hyde, Frank H. Wheeler, Edward O. Bullock, Wm. H. Irwin, and Silas A. French.

J. N. FITZGERALD.

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are transferred, and from what Conference? Wm. E. Robinson from Wilmington, Jas. H. Kevan, probationer of second year, from North Nebraska, H. D. Newhouse, North Indiana.

2. Who are admitted on trial? Jos. E. Herrinton (1889), Thos. Sanderson (1889), Wm. H. Colvin (1889), Edroy S. Ireland (1889), Chas. J. Wright (1889), Thos. H. Trevithick, Chas. E. Matteson, Geo. F. Bieber, Benj. W. Allison, Thos. D. Collias, Eratus S. Darling, John A. Lucas, Wm. J. Vanix, Robert M. Stavely, Frank A. Colony, Albert E. Carhart.

3. Who remain on trial? Wm. H. Cory, Geo. W. Hickman, Chas. B. Warren, Lyman W. Ray, Lyle F. Beach, Jas. F. Davis, Abel H. Colton, Clarence W. East, Albert S. Mason, Alex. D. Smith, Ellis S. Chappel, Jas. D. Allison (1889). Jas. H. Kevan, I. C. Phifer (1889), Thos. H. Garvin (1887).

4. Who are discontinued? Wm. P. Pearce, Wm. H. Underwood, Jos. R. Goudy.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, Jas. B. Dibble, Samuel D. Robinson, Donald C. McLean, Arza P. Janes, Joseph Mottershead.

6. Who are re-admitted? None.

7. Who are admitted on credentials from other churches? None.

8. What traveling preachers have been elected deacons? Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, James B. Dibble, Samuel D. Robinson, D. C. McLean, Arza P. Janes, Joseph Mottershead.

9. What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons? Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, James B. Dibble, Samuel D. Robinson, Donald C. McLean, Arza P. Janes, Joseph Mottershead.

10. What local preachers have been elected deacons? Wm. H. Cory, Chas. B. Warren, Geo. F. Bieber, Wm. Vanix.

11. What local preachers have been ordained deacons? Wm. H. Cory, Chas. B. Warren, Geo. F. Bieber, Wm. Vanix.

12. Who are the traveling deacons of the first class? Wm. W. Brown (1889), Francis T. Nicholls (1889), Wm. H. Matson (1888), Ph. K. Hammond (1888), Fred. E. Leazer (1888), Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, James B. Dibble, Samuel D. Robinson, Donald C. McLean, Arza P. Jones, Joseph Mottershead.

13. Who are the traveling deacons of the second class? Thomas A. Jones, Richard C. Opie, Wm. C. Sage, Thos. Carson, Edward Vaughn.

14. What traveling deacons have been elected elders? Chas. H. Smith, Samuel C. Leavell, Wm. D. Deeble, Wm. J. Hyde, Frank H. Wheeler, Edward O. Bullock, Wm. H. Irwin, Silas A. French.

15. What traveling deacons have been ordained elders? Chas. H. Smith, Samuel C. Leavell, Wm. D. Deeble, Wm. J. Hyde, Frank H. Wheeler, Edward O. Bullock, Wm. H. Irwin, Silas A. French.

16. What local deacons have been elected elders? None.

17. What local deacons have been ordained elders? None.

18. Who are the supernumerary preachers? T. S. Fowler, A. D. Dexter, O. H. Sproul, H. T. Curl, F. M. Robertson, W. M. Welch, Lewis Hartsough, S. C. Lovell, W. H. Selleck, T. H. Walker, Charles Botkin.

19. Who are the superannuated preachers? D. W. Chamberlain, Theo. Gerrish.

20. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes, as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

21. Have any died? None.

22. Have any been transferred and to what Conference? Yes. S. P. Brokaw to Puget Sound Conference, Thos. Hambly to Minnesota Conference, A. D. Traveller to Rock River Conference, H. E. Wyckoff to Nebraska.

23. Have any withdrawn? No.

24. Have any located at their own request? No.

25. Have any been located? No.

26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? No.

27. Have any been expelled? No.

28. Who are the trials of appeals? H. M. Springers, L. W. Miller, L. Hartsough, S. F. Brown, E. W. Sage, D. Gostellow, L. L. Hanscom.

29. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistical Secretary's Report.

30. What is the Treasurer's Report? See Treasurer's Report.

31. What are the claims on the Conference funds? See Steward's Report.

32. What has been raised on these claims and how has it been applied? \$953, which was applied according to the order of the Conference.

33. Where are the preachers stationed? See Appointments.

34. Where shall the next Conference be held? Referred to Presiding Elders.

## DAKOTA CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

### ABERDEEN DISTRICT—F. A. BURDICK, P. E. 2

#### POSTOFFICE, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA.

Aberdeen, J. C. Shelland. 1	Ellendale, E. O. Bullock. 2
Andover, B. W. Allison. 1	Frederick, T. D. Collins. 1
Ashton, C. B. Warren. 1	Groton & Putney, David Gostellow. 2
Athol, W. W. Brown. 1	Hecla, supplied by W. O. Gram.
Bath, Edward Vaughn. 1	Ipswich, to be supplied.
Bowdle and Bangor, to be supplied.	Langford, Wm. D. Deeble. 2
Britton, J. C. Phifer. 1	Leola, Geo. W. Hickman. 3
Claremont, L. W. Ray. 1	Ludden, Geo. F. Bieber. 2
Columbia & Ordway. Wm. H. Cory. 1	Newark, C. E. Matteson. 1
Campbell County, S. F. Brown. 1	Northville & Mellette. A. D. Smith. 1
Coral, T. H. Trevithick. 1	Warner, supplied by J. B. Williams. 2
DeVoe & Roanoke, J. E. Herrinton. 1	Westport, supplied by J. L. Brown. 1
Doland & Frankfort, Wm. H. Irwin. 1	

### HURON DISTRICT—LEWIS BRADFORD, P. E. 4

#### POSTOFFICE, HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA.

Alpena, Tarea H. Hendricks. 1	Miller, to be supplied.
Blunt, J. F. Davis. 1	Onida, to be supplied.
Cavour, to be supplied.	Pierre: East Church, and Ft. Pierre,
DeSmet & Lake Preston, L. B. Wiles 1	to be supplied.
Faulkton, J. S. Akers. 1	First Church, Archibald Jamison.
Gettysburg, E. S. Darling. 1	Redfield, L. W. Miller.
Hand, J. D. Allison, 1	St. Lawrence, R. C. Opie.
Highmore, to be supplied.	Spring Lake, to be supplied.
Hitchcock, E. S. Chappell. 1	Wessington Springs, J. E. Norvell.
Huron, F. D. Newhouse. 1	Wessington and Wolsey, A. E. Lanner.
Iroquois, Thomas Carson. 1	Winthrop, to be supplied.

Wm. Fielder, Temperance agent and member of Huron Quarterly Conference.

W. H. Mattson, Superintendent Indian School, Yankton Reservation.

### MITCHELL DISTRICT—C. B. CLARK, P. E. 1

#### POSTOFFICE, MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA.

Alexandria, supplied by S. E. Fish. 1      Kimball & White Lake, F. Colony. 1



Armour, Ira A. Sparks. 1	Mitchell, A. R. Boggs. 1
Bijou Hills, J. W. Lucas. 1	Mitchell Circuit, supplied by Jessie Smith. 1
Bridgewater, supplied by F. A. La Violette. 2	Mount Vernon, J. G. Hall. 2
Carthage & Artesian, G. J. Corwin. 2	Parkston, To be supplied.
Chamberlain, to be supplied.	Plaukinton, To be supplied.
Delmont, to be supplied.	Salem, M. E. Nickerson. 1
Edgerton, Wm. J. Vanix. 1	Scotland, Wm. Underwood. 1
Ethan. A. P. Janes. 1	Tyndall & Springfield, W. F. Minty. 2
Fulton, E. W. Sage. 4	Woonsocket, supplied by T.H. Youngman. 2
Howard, supplied by E. C. Wood. 1	

Wm. Brush, President of Dakota University, and member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

Sandford Washburn, Finance Agent of Dakota University, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

H. E. Wyckoff, transferred to Nebraska.

Wm. Robinson, agent of Dakota University, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

#### SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT--WM. H. JORDAN, P. E. 2

POSTOFFICE, 626 MINNESOTA AVENUE, SIOUX FALLS.

Alcester, sup. by S. D. McAmber. 2	Lennox, Timothy Donahue. 1
Beresford, supplied by A. B. Smart. 1	Lodi, to be supplied.
Canton, Thomas Simmons. 1	Madison, C. E. Hager. 4
Centerville, Joseph Mottershead. 1	Montrose, to be supplied.
Dell Rapids, Duane Rifenbark. 1	Parker, W. J. Hyde. 1
Egan, supplied by E. G. Walkom.	Prospect, supplied by L. Huckins. 1
Elk Point, S. A. Freuch. 1	Richland, to be supplied.
Elk Point Circuit, supplied by S. A. Keister. 1	Sioux Falls Circuit, supplied by W. J. Wilson. 1
Flandreau, J. H. Kevan. 1	First Church, L. L. Hanscom. 2
Gayville, A. H. Colton. 1	Mission, J. P. Jenkins. 1
Hartford, W. O. Redfield. 1	Vermillion, G. D. Cleworth. 2
Hurley, A. E. Carhart. 2	Yankton, E. E. Clough. 2

Hosea Locke, teacher Flandreau Indian School, member of Flandreau Quarterly Conference.

## WATERTOWN DISTRICT—H. H. DRESSER, P. E., 1.

## POSTOFFICE; WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA.

Arlington, W. C. Sage, 4.	<del>Estelline and Castlewood</del> , F. E. Leazer, 1.
Aurora and Midway, Robert C. St. Clair, 1.	Henry, O. A. Phillips, 2.
Big Stone City and Alban, W. H. Colvin, 1.	Kampeska, J. B. Dibble, 1.
Bradley, E. S. Ireland, 1.	Milbank, supplied by W. E. Gifford, 1.
Bristol, C. W. East, 1.	Twin Brooks, to be supplied.
Brookings, F. H. Wheeler, 2.	Watertown, A. W. Adkinson, 1.
Clark, S. D. Robinson, 1.	<del>Waubay</del> , B. C. Sills, 1.
<del>Clark Circuit</del> James Trewartha, 3.	<del>Waverly</del> , to be supplied.
Gary and Clear Lake, supplied by Thomas Wilkinson, 1.	Webster, to be supplied.
Elkton, S. A. Jones, 2.	White, H. M. Springer, 1.
	Willow Lakes, to be supplied.
	Wilmot, D. C. McLean, 2.

A. D. Traveller transferred to Rock River Conference.

Phil. K. Hammond, Thos. H. Garvin, L. G. Fournier, Francis T. Nicholls, O. E. Murray, Jas. Rowe, Thos. Sanderson, Chas. H. Smith, Lyle F. Beach left without appointment to attend school.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.****EXAMINATION.**

ADMISSION ON TRIAL—E. O. Bullock, O. H. Sproul, C. E. Hager.

FIRST YEAR—J. C. Shelland, D. Rifenbark, H. H. Dresser.

SECOND YEAR—A. R. Boggs, J. S. Akers, J. P. Jenkins.

THIRD YEAR—A. E. Tanner, E. E. Clough, Sanford Washburn.

FOURTH YEAR—Thomas Simmons, L. W. Miller, F. H. Wheeler.

LOCAL ORDERS—H. M. Springer, D. Gostellow, Robert C. St. Clair.

TRIERS OF APPEALS—H. M. Springer, L. W. Miller, L. Hartsough, S. F. Brown, E. W. Sage, D. Gostellow, L. L. Hanscom.

TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON—D. Gostellow; L. L. Hanscom, alternate.

**BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.**

PRESIDENT, L. Bradford.

TREASURER, L. W. Hazen.

SECRETARY, .....

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, Presiding Elders.

LAYMEN—Aberdeen District, H. C. Sessions; Huron District, H. S. Mouser; Mitchell District, R. N. Kratz; Sioux Falls District, J. A. Cooley; Watertown District, D. W. Diggs.

**CHURCH LOCATION.**

ABERDEEN DISTRICT—F. A. Burdick, E. O. Bullock, W. D. Deeble, J. W. Parmley, John L. Brown.

HURON DISTRICT—Lewis Bradford, R. C. Opie, J. S. Akers, J. W. Baker, I. J. Mouser.

MITCHELL DISTRICT—C. B. Clark, A. R. Boggs, Sanford Washburn, C. R. Walters, Joseph Harker,

SIoux FALLS DISTRICT—W. H. Jordan, L. L. Hanscom, D. Rifenbark, J. P. Ward, J. C. Baker.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—Presiding Elder, Frank Wheeler, Robert St. Clair, M. H. Cooper, John Norton.

ERATTA—In the Statistics No. 1, Huron District, the columns under the head of "Children's Day" and "General Education" should be transposed.

# STATISTICS NO. 1, DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1890.

## ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Membership.			Bpt's			Church Property.							S. Schools		Benevolent Collections.										M. Sup.							
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Mem- bers.	No. L. Preachers	No. of Deaths	Children Baptiz'd	Adults Baptized	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building, imp'g Chrch's and Pars.	Paid on Church Property.	Present Church Indebtedness	Expenses (Sexton Light, Fuel, &c.)	No. of Schools	Officers and Th's	No of Scholars of all ages.	Missions			Church Extens'n	For S. S. Union.	For Tract Soc'ty	Freedmn's Aid S.	Gen'l Education	Children's Day	Am. Bible Soc'ty	W. Fr'n Mission	W. Home Miss'n	Pastor, Presiding Elder, house rent and Bishops.	Conf. Claimants	Other Collections.	
																		From Church's	From Sunday Schools.	TOTAL.													
Aberdeen.....	18	225	..	5	7	8	1	\$ 7250	1	\$ 800	\$ 125	\$ 260	\$ 650	\$ 300	1	18	150	\$ 75	\$ 25	\$ 100	\$ 20	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 12	\$ 35	\$ 12	\$ 4	\$ 43	\$	\$ 1307	\$ 8	...	
Andover.....	1	59	..	2	..	..	1	1500	..	..	..	..	315	75	1	10	57	16	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	489	..	..
Ashton.....	13	41	2	..	8	..	1	2000	..	..	50	..	150	70	1	8	60	7	..	7	2	1	..	..	8	6	1	8	..	223	2	..	
Bangor.....	5	24	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	1	8	35	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	400	1	..	
Bath.....	24	60	..	1	8	15	1	2500	1	600	..	76	644	100	3	26	140	25	5	30	7	1	1	10	10	..	1	..	..	539	14	..	
Britton.....	83	94	1	2	10	37	1	2000	1	250	..	50	500	150	3	21	190	4	6	10	..	1	..	2	2	13	..	..	..	808	..	..	
Claremont, Detroit	16	47	..	1	..	4	2	4300	..	..	25	..	750	70	2	16	140	..	11	11	3	1	..	1	5	..	1	..	..	470	1	..	
Columbia, Ordway	10	118	1	1	17	32	2	5000	..	..	..	..	765	200	2	19	110	66	15	81	13	3	2	7	13	2	..	..	..	706	3	..	
Coral.....	22	67	1	..	4	10	..	..	1	600	..	35	118	..	1	8	50	10	..	10	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	422	..	..	
Doland & Frankft	26	87	1	4	1	2	2	4400	1	700	625	..	1000	183	4	31	170	20	8	28	8	2	..	..	18	..	..	15	..	619	..	..	
Ellendale.....	8	70	..	..	2	2	2	4000	..	..	9	15	600	100	1	9	101	15	15	30	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	402	1	..	
Eureka.....	..	12	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	20	20	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	400	1	..	
Frederick.....	2	20	1	1	2	1	1	2500	..	..	..	..	282	75	4	15	100	..	5	5	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	130	..	..	
Hecla.....	10	69	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	19	102	15	5	20	5	1	1	1	..	3	1	..	..	261	1	..	
Groton & Putney.	1	70	..	1	5	3	2	5000	..	..	131	..	1156	160	3	21	150	15	5	20	2	1	1	1	12	..	..	..	..	688	2	..	
Ipswich.....	3	71	..	..	8	4	1	2600	..	..	125	75	..	70	2	19	90	14	4	18	..	..	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	706	2	..	
Langford.....	20	72	..	..	1	8	2	2000	1	750	175	70	600	75	3	24	120	14	11	25	12	1	1	5	10	3	1	..	..	694	2	..	
Leola.....	61	47	..	..	5	9	1	2500	..	..	..	123	577	25	2	14	80	2	2	4	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	252	1	..	
Ludden.....	27	83	2	1	4	24	1	2500	..	..	..	82	1183	60	1	5	35	11	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	350	..	..	
Newark.....	28	60	2	..	2	..	1	1900	..	..	1350	..	550	20	4	20	110	7	..	7	3	1	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	407	..	..	
Northville, Mellette	26	107	..	..	4	..	2	3900	1	400	..	..	500	..	2	16	76	19	..	19	3	1	1	1	5	3	..	..	..	460	..	..	
Roanoke & De Voe.	..	90	..	..	..	..	1	2500	..	..	..	..	500	9	5	33	110	20	..	20	4	1	..	3	7	..	..	1	..	294	4	..	
Roscoe & Bowdle..	4	30	..	..	..	..	1	2500	..	..	..	200	1115	20	2	7	35	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	248	..	..	
Warner.....	7	79	1	..	7	7	1	2000	..	..	100	..	750	..	4	25	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	113	..	..	
Westport.....	28	71	2	1	1	10	2	3300	..	..	..	..	610	10	3	15	125	6	19	25	5	1	1	2	5	..	1	..	..	396	2	..	
Totals.....	443	1773	14	21	96	181	29	\$66150	7	4100	2715	986	13630	1827	58	407	2486	368	156	524	95	21	15	51	158	48	14	66	2	11755	45	...	

# HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena	4	79	1	0	2	10	1	\$ 2000	1	300	20	25	950	30	3	20	70	15		15	5	1	1	4		5	1		470	2	*	
Blunt	16	103	1	0	1	4	1	4000	0				1260			2	19	70	15	5	20	10		6		9		342	45	..		
Burkmore	6	60		1										3	14	76	5		5	20		1		2		3		308	1	..		
Cavour	5	80		2	5		1	1500			50			10	3	17	75	10	11	21	2	1		2		1		291	2	..		
DeSmet		17			1	2	1	2000	1	500	40			300	25	1	11	49		7	7					4		439		..		
Faulton	0	82	0	0	0	0	2	5000	0	00		168	1625	30	3	19	169	35		35	10	1	1	8	2	3	1		412	5	..	
Gettysb'g, F'st City	7	37	1	3	3	3	1	200	1	350	962			1099	58	1	9	44		1	6	7						337	1	..		
Hand Circuit	8	150	1		5	13								3	24	160	15	17	32	12	4	1	1	7	2	12		332	1	..		
Highmore	0	53	1	1			1	3500	1	300	52	100	1800	40	2	17	75	12	2	14	6			5		5		183	1	..		
Hitchcock	49	165	1	0	1	10	2	2500	1	400			450	60	4	25	130	40		40	5	1	1	5	18	20	1	17	1	803	2	..
Huron	5	225			5	9	1	18000	1	1000	200	250	2120	400	1	28	220	24	60	84	20	1	1	15		30	3	68	1	1295	8	12
Iroquois	16	100		1	3	3	2	3000						50	2	23	125	3		3	2	1		1		9		1	1	235	1	..
Miller	8	54	1	3	8	8	1	2500						750	20	2	8	75	10		10	2		2	2	15		107		..		
Onida	12	39	1	1	3	1	1	100							2	8	45	10			10			1		5		122		..		
Pierre, first church	18	92		1	4	3	1	4000					800		2	10	95		36	36	5				34			605		..		
E. Pierre, Ft. Pierre	12	47	1	1	4	5	1	4000			3250			750	134	2	17	98	5	5	10				9			380		..		
Redfield	8	82		1	3	4	1	1500	1	1000			100	150	1	14	15	10	30	40	14	1	1	10	6	28	3		985	2	..	
St. Lawrence	6	50		1	3	10	1	4000	1	1000	20	140	500	75	1	10	55	20	1	21	2	1	1	10		10	1	1	628	2	..	
Waterbury	10	25												2	18	75	10	1	11						5				669	5	..	
Wessington, Wolsey	18	77	2	1		1	2	3000	1	400	110			1000	65	2	14	50	23	2	25	1	1			9	1		325	2	..	
Wessington Sp'ngs	29	67	1		7	10	1	200			80			140	34	3	20	10	6		6	3		1	2				229	1	..	
Winthrop	15	65	1			1							67	14	25	4	30	112	2		2					5				..	..	
Totals	152	1729	13	17	58	97	22	\$64600	9	5250	4724	740	13658	1206	49	375	2048	271	183	454	99	15	8	81	30	221	11	88	3	9497	81	12

# MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria.....	24	46	..	2	..	1	\$ 1000	1	400	20	...	250	42	1	8	54	...	8	8	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	303	2	\$...		
Armour.....	1	50	2	..	..	1	1800			30	20	3	20	1	8	50	10	5	15	2	1	1	1	5	..	1	..	276	1	..		
Bridgewater.....	35	97	2	..	2	11	1	3000		325	15	985	85	3	27	145	20	15	35	13	2	2	7	4	2	1	1	1	553	2	10	
Bijou Hills.....	5	78	1	1	..	2	..						5	24	185	25	...	25	10	3	1	5	25	6	2	1	1	358	2	..		
Chamberlain.....	5	59	..	..	2	..							109	2	14	125	10	...	10	1	1	1	11	..	..	1	..	444	1	..		
Carthage & Artes'n	6	112	..	..	7	3	5900			1050	60	2	14	80	14	2	16	5	1	1	1	2	5	..	..	..	..	388	2	..		
Delmont.....	1	50	..	1	3	2	1	1200		165	317	15	1	4	36	9	7	16	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	315	1	..	
Edgerton.....	25	66	..	..	14	26	..						2	8	60	7	...	7	6	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	306	2	..		
Ethan & Parkston	32	98	2	1	2	10	2	3000		250	400	100	2	16	122	30	1	31	8	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	300	3	..		
Fulton.....	5	120	..	..	2	..							2	16	115	40	10	50	4	1	1	4	8	7	1	..	..	546	4	..		
Howard.....	3	40	..	1	..	1	3000	1	450	100	300	60	1	13	53	10	12	22	3	1	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	447	2	..		
Kimball.....	7	36	1	..	1	5	1	1700	1	500	..	32	600	40	1	8	50	6	1	7	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	586		..		
Mitchell.....	16	145	3	1	1	4	1	7000				750	125	1	20	125	52	14	66	10	2	..	6	90	9	1	71	1095	5	..		
Mitchell Circuit..	2	2	..	..	..	..							1	7	30	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2		..		
Mount Vernon.....	..	58	..	2	2	..	1	2400	1	600	..	20	950	13	1	10	45	12	..	12	2	..	2	1	4	..	..	462	2	..		
Plankinton.....	18	99	1	..	4	20	1	3000			55	172	1030	91	3	20	150	36	10	46	12	1	1	8	15	4	1	..	745	3	..	
Scotland.....	15	92	..	..	3	..	1	2500	1	600	20	..	450	60	2	18	130	17	8	25	5	1	1	2	11	3	1	..	710	1	..	
Tyndall, Spring'ld	3	50	1	1	..	..	5	6000	1	775	100	90	1500	65	2	16	95	20	2	22	10	1	1	5	18	5	1	..	683	3	..	
White Lake.....	7	74	1	..	1	18	1	2000					1400	15	2	14	50	30	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	223		..		
Woonsocket.....	3	60	1	1	4	3	1	2500	1	1200	768	..	1323	94	1	12	96	15	10	25	2	1	1	1	4	..	..	1	..	753	2	..
Totals.....	213	1432	15	9	39	112	22	\$46000	7	4525	1268	844	11335	994	36	277	1800	363	105	468	92	23	12	49	219	136	15	75	3	9495	38	10

# STATISTICS NO. 1, DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1890.

## SIoux FALLS DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Membership				Bpt's		Church Property.							S. Schools		Benevolent Collections.										M. Sup.									
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Mem- bers.	No. L. Preachers	No. of Deaths	Children Baptiz'd	Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building, improv'g Church's and Pars.	Paid on Church Property.	Present Church Indebtedness	Expenses(Sexton Light, Fuel, &c.)	No. of Schools	Officers and Th's	No of Scholars of all ages.	Missions			Church Extension	For S. S. Union.	For Tract Society	Freedmn's Aid S.	Gen'l Education	Children's Day	Am. Bible Society	W. Fr'n Mission	W. Home Miss'n	Pastor, Presiding Elder, house rent and Bishops.	Conf. Claimants	Other Collections.			
																		From Church's	From Sunday Schools.	TOTAL.															
Alcester.....	12	34	..	1	2	1	..	\$	1	\$	26	..	200	\$	1	7	55	\$	2	\$	25	\$	10	\$	2	\$	2	\$	2	\$	113	\$	..		
Beresford.....	8	69	..	..	5	1	1	1800	1	500	..	..	..	21	12	80	23	..	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	542	..	..
Centerville.....	5	95	2	..	..	12	1	2600	1	1000	150	..	1200	85	18	120	11	..	4	15	8	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	668	..	..
Canton.....	4	132	1	1	1	1	1	1500	1	800	35	28	300	75	15	115	24	..	16	40	5	1	1	1	5	14	5	..	..	18	..	890	..	..	
Dell Rapids.....	18	135	..	1	1	2	1	1500	1	1000	..	25	200	100	23	143	32	..	27	59	30	2	2	24	14	10	..	..	..	..	..	971	4	..	
Elk Point.....	9	70	..	..	..	1	1	4000	1	650	16	..	1025	120	1	9	120	20	..	10	30	12	1	1	4	15	6	..	..	..	..	712	6	..	
Egan.....	16	36	..	..	1	7	1	800	..	..	25	..	150	50	2	12	75	5	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	365	2	..
Flandreau.....	1	35	..	1	1	9	1	1500	1	500	68	42	377	45	1	7	55	5	..	5	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	421	1	..
Gayville.....	7	67	1	..	10	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	45	15	..	15	6	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	285	1	..
Hartford.....	19	76	2	..	4	..	1	1200	1	400	25	50	266	20	3	15	75	14	..	14	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	334	6	..
Hurley.....	3	60	1	1	4	..	2	2650	..	..	950	12	900	35	1	7	50	11	..	17	4	1	1	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	333	2	..
Lennox.....	2	33	..	1	..	..	1	1000	1	400	50	..	..	33	1	11	70	20	..	20	6	1	1	6	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	583	2	..
Lodi.....	3	69	..	..	2	2	1	1500	1	100	..	..	165	10	3	12	100	12	..	4	16	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	387	1	..
Montrose.....	..	37	..	..	..	1	..	2100	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	30	125	2	..	2	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	167	2	..
Parker.....	12	97	..	5	7	2	..	2700	1	1200	73	300	700	175	2	19	132	21	..	7	28	6	2	1	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	673	3	..
Prospect.....	17	90	3	..	1	14	2	2700	1	250	268	15	581	55	1	12	63	22	..	3	25	14	1	1	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	416	2	..
Richland.....	11	17	..	..	1	1	1	1600	1	200	..	..	420	..	1	9	60	2	..	3	4	1	1	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	120	..	..
Salem.....	3	57	1	8	..	2	1	1500	1	300	40	..	600	25	2	10	70	10	..	10	..	2	2	2	520	65	6	..	..	..	..	..	360	1	10
Sioux Falls.....	10	193	2	..	4	5	1	13000	2	13000	10500	100	10000	225	1	25	167	132	..	26	158	20	2	2	2	12	20	8	..	..	..	..	983	4	..
Vermillion.....	26	138	1	..	3	7	1	1200	1	200	50	..	..	100	1	17	150	77	..	23	100	25	3	2	12	20	3	..	..	..	..	..	983	4	..
Yankton.....	2	140	2	..	2	..	1	7000	..	..	125	..	..	200	1	21	211	20	..	20	40	5	2	1	5	20	10	10	19	..	..	1193	5	..	
Totals.....	188	1680	16	14	44	68	24	\$51850	16	20500	12401	572	17084	1374	34	300	2081	479	153	632	185	24	20	608	126	49	33	461	9	12154	81	50			

\*Rev. and Mrs. L. Hartsough have given \$500 of this as an Endowment Fund, the interest of which is to secure the education of colored youth for the ministry.

# WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Arlington	13	40	1	4	3	9	1	2000	1	1500	280	150	50	2	15	150	20	25	10	1	1	5	5	1	7	1	442	3	1			
Aurora	37	135	1	4	3	9	1	1500	1	1500	280	150	50	2	15	150	20	25	10	1	1	5	5	1	7	1	591	2	...			
Big Stone City	8	56	...	...	...	...	2	4500	...	50	1400	73	3	21	160	25	25	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	485	2	...			
Bristol	15	48	...	...	1	...	1	2000	...	50	750	25	3	17	80	23	2	25	10	1	1	3	5	5	1	...	516	2	...			
Bradley	5	42	...	1	3	3	1	1400	...	1400	...	10	2	11	45	15	...	15	5	...	...	2	5	...	...	...	354	...	...			
Brookings	7	105	2	...	3	5	1	3000	1	1200	300	1300	82	1	17	128	60	24	84	15	2	2	6	15	2	2	7	...	863	3	...	
Clear Lake	...	21	...	...	1	...	1	2400	...	...	25	570	20	2	12	75	10	10	20	...	...	3	4	4	...	...	457	2	...			
Clark	5	120	1	...	4	1	1	2500	...	...	...	65	150	3	25	175	44	6	50	9	1	...	3	13	...	1	8	...	697	2	...	
Clark Circuit	8	33	...	...	1	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	4	20	70	5	...	5	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	223	2	...			
Elkton	5	34	...	1	8	2	1	1500	...	5	...	...	50	3	15	120	15	5	20	3	1	1	2	5	...	...	619	1	8			
Estelline	5	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	50	10	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	405	...	...			
Gary	13	100	1	2	2	1	2	4000	1	850	...	1650	50	3	29	125	23	2	25	8	...	7	3	8	...	...	551	...	...			
Henry	6	108	3	...	2	...	2	3335	1	500	50	100	85	3	23	110	13	17	30	10	2	1	5	25	12	1	24	...	840	5	35	
Kampeska	15	81	...	...	3	7	1	1500	...	...	...	...	60	2	16	85	48	2	50	17	2	2	12	12	3	4	...	752	...	6		
Lake Preston	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Madison	22	102	1	2	2	9	1	3400	1	1600	167	1665	120	1	18	140	50	10	60	20	2	2	10	20	...	1	20	1	1065	5	...	
Milbank	21	90	...	...	2	5	1	9500	...	...	200	2025	130	1	20	127	45	...	45	11	2	2	5	9	10	4	...	1335	5	200		
Twin Brooks	8	36	...	...	...	...	2	3000	...	100	800	...	2	10	110	4	11	15	3	1	1	2	2	...	...	1	1	...	308	1	...	
Watertown	...	192	...	2	3	...	1	15000	1	2000	636	4500	375	1	19	150	13	23	36	10	2	2	10	10	...	1	22	...	1925	5	30	
Webster	11	80	1	3	2	7	1	4500	...	43	...	1428	110	1	9	50	30	...	30	10	3	1	3	10	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	
White	10	150	2	...	1	2	1	2000	...	...	429	...	2	12	75	30	...	30	6	...	...	3	10	6	...	...	...	146	...	...		
Wilmot	5	50	1	...	12	1	2500	1	175	10	5	950	40	3	14	140	8	7	15	3	1	1	2	5	2	1	1	1	489	...	...	
Willow Lakes	22	29	...	5	2	3	1	1400	1	300	1400	5	300	...	1	7	27	12	...	12	3	...	1	5	...	...	12	...	303	...	...	
Totals	241	1691	14	21	46	78	24	\$70935	7	6625	4061	1560	18282	1480	45	340	2192	528	119	647	169	22	18	88	177	52	19	104	4	13366	41	280

## PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

- 1.—Prepare *all* reports with *black ink*—penmanship *fair*—figures *distinct* and manuscript free from blotches and slovenly erasures, even if you have to copy many times.
- 2.—If you cannot be at opening session of Conference, be sure to forward them in advance to your Presiding Elder to the Seat of Conference.
- 3.—Make each collection *even dollars*. Report *no cents*.
- 4.—Conference Committees should write out Reports and Resolutions in ink, on whole sheets of paper—*use no scraps*. Surely these, your best thoughts, deserve a decent record.



STATISTICS NO. 2, ABERDEEN DISTRICT, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1890.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT									
		Pastors				P. E.		Bishops		C. Cl'ts	
		Claims, H. R. and value of Parsonages.	Receipts, in H. R. or value of Parsonages	Deficiencies		Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid
Aberdeen.....	W. H. Sellock.	\$ 1200	1200	..	100	100	...	7	8	8	8
Andover.....	C. B. Warren..	500	460	40	36	29	...	...	...	...	...
Ashton.....	Wm. Boyer....	300	187	113	48	35	...	1	...	2	...
Bath.....	L. W. Ray.....	650	490	160	50	48	1	1	14	14	...
Bangor.....	S. F. Brown....	...	396	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	...
Britton.....	A. E. Burrows	750	750	...	54	54	...	4	...	...	...
Claremont.....	W. H. Irwin...	700	425	275	48	44	6	1	2	1	...
Columbia, Ordway	T. Simmons...	750	650	100	54	54	2	2	3	3	...
Coral.....	W. W. Brown..	*572	390	182	32	32	2	...	...	...	...
Doland & Frankft	W. H. Cory....	550	555	...	50	50	5	5	2	...	...
Eureka.....	A. D. Smith...	400	379	21	...	20	...	1	...	1	...
Ellendale.....	E. O. Bullock.	600	349	251	52	52	5	1	3	1	...
Frederick.....	W. W. Glazier	300	130	170	36	...	...	...	...	...	...
Groton & Putney	D. Gostelow...	700	622	78	64	64	2	2	2	2	...
Hecla.....	T. H. Trevithick	5.0	230	270	30	30	...	1	...	1	...
Ipswich.....	S. C. Leavell..	800	650	150	58	56	2	...	2	2	...
Langford.....	W. D. Deeble..	650	650	...	40	40	4	4	2	2	...
Leola.....	G. W. Hickman	550	223	327	28	29	...	...	...	1	...
Ludden.....	G. F. Bieber...	569	289	271	40	41	1	...	1	...	...
Newark.....	F. T. Nicholls.	575	367	208	40	40	...	...	...	...	...
Northville, Mellette	J. S. Akers...	700	410	290	50	50	...	...	...	...	...
Roanoke & De Voe	T. D. Collins..	432	265	167	28	28	1	1	...	4	...
Roscoe & Bowdle..	L. F. Beach...	250	216	34	32	32	...	...	...	...	...
Warner.....	J. D. Williams	225	100	125	40	13	...	...	...	...	...
Westport.....	E. Vaughn....	500	350	140	36	35	2	1	2	2	...
Totals.....		13714	10743	3372	1046	980	33	32	42	45	...

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NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY SCHOOLS												
	No. of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars of all ages.	No. Scholars in Infant Class.	Av. Att'ce Tch'rs and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Expenses Sch'ls this year	Officers & Tch'rs Ch Men or Prob	Scholars, Church Mem'rs or Prob.	Conversions in S. S. this year.			
Aberdeen.....	1	18	150	40	120	200	\$ 80	18	50	15	...	...	...
Andover.....	1	10	57	4	35	...	...	10	15	4	...	...	...
Ashton.....	1	8	60	32	40	...	20	8	8	...	...	...	...
Bath.....	3	26	140	45	22	125	38	21	81	30	...	...	...
Bangor.....	1	8	35	13	38	...	12	7	6	...	...	...	...
Britton.....	3	21	190	38	80	...	55	20	120	75	...	...	...
Claremont.....	2	16	140	40	87	...	23	16	16	3	...	...	...
Columbia, Ordway	2	19	110	31	80	50	51	19	90	31	...	...	...
Coral.....	1	8	50	15	25	59	20	7	15	...	...	...	...
Doland & Frankft	4	31	170	40	142	429	60	20	45	13	...	...	...
Eureka.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ellendale.....	1	9	101	29	60	50	32	7	23	5	...	...	...
Fr derick.....	4	15	100	25	75	50	25	11	8	8	...	...	...
Groton and Putney	3	21	150	26	123	142	50	9	30	8	...	...	...
Hecla.....	3	19	1-2	30	78	...	18	17	17	...	...	...	...
Ipswich.....	2	19	90	37	72	75	45	15	40	3	...	...	...
Langford.....	3	24	120	25	90	...	36	23	...	15	...	...	...
Leola.....	2	14	80	22	57	...	...	16	27	9	...	...	...
Ludden.....	1	5	35	10	20	50	20	5	20	...	...	...	...
Newark.....	4	20	110	7	83	...	13	14	16	7	...	...	...
Northville, Mellette	2	16	76	18	72	...	50	13	28	...	...	...	...
Roanoke & De Voe	5	33	110	25	100	250	22	34	63	...	...	...	...
Roscoe & Bowdle..	2	7	35	10	30	150	30	6	10	2	...	...	...
Warner.....	4	25	150	30	100	...	...	20	50	...	...	...	...
Westport.....	3	15	125	20	100	200	30	12	50	...	...	...	...
Totals.....	58	407	2486	582	1639	1830	760	348	833	228	...	...	...

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Alpena .....	T. Carson....	\$ 500	430	70	40	39	1	2	2
Blunt .....	C. J. Wright ..	350	310	40	30	32	50	45	
Burkmore .....	J. E. Herrinton	290	287	3	20	1	1	1	
Cavour .....	A. P. Jones....	485	267	218	42	24	1	2	
DeSmet .....	J. S. Beswick..	410	410	44	28	1			
Faulkton .....	L. B. Wiles....	500	385	115	50	25	3	2	5
Gettysb'g, F'st City	Jas. S. Davis..	560	*309	251	40	28	2	2	1
Hand Circuit .....	E. S. Chappell..	400	300	100	40	30	2	2	1
Highmore .....	A. M. Ward....	200	155	45	24	24	4	1	1
Hitchcock .....	R. C. Opie....	800	*740	60	60	64	8	3	2
Huron .....	H. H. Dresser..	1180	*1180	100	100	15	15	8	8
Iroquois .....	D. L. Matson...	300	204	96	30	30	5	1	1
Miller .....	S. E. Fish....	79	79	40	28	1			1
Oneida .....	J. D. Allison..	250	100	150	20	20	3	2	
Pierre, first church	I. C. Phifer....	800	545	255	60	60	5	5	
E. Pierre, Ft. Pierre	W. S. Carpenter	350	350	30	30	6	6		
Redfield .....	A. R. Boggs....	1150	900	150	90	75	14	10	2
St. Lawrence .....	W. J. Hyde....	*706	*581	119	60	46	7	1	3
Waterbury .....	E. E. Dean....	250	125	125	25	22			
Wessingt'n, Wolsey	A. E. Tanner...	800	616	184	70	51	2		5
Wessington Sp'ngs	Chas. Vessey...	400	282	118	40	40	6	2	3
Winthrop .....	E. S. Darling...	250	200	50	25	29	6	2	1
Totals .....		10415	8735	2149	966	841	86	49	88

## STATISTICS No. 2, MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria .....	William Berg..	\$ 280	270	10	44	31	2	2	2
Armour .....	J. W. Lucas...	410	230	180	55	45	2	1	1
Bridgewater .....	F. A. LaViolett	500	500	52	52	1	1	2	2
Bijou Hills .....	Arza P. Jones..	350	310	40	46	46	2	2	2
Chamberlain .....	Ira A. Sparks...	500	400	100	44	44	1	1	1
Carthage & Artes'n	G. J. Corwin...	600	362	238	40	25	2	1	4
Delmont .....	Wm. Vanix....	350	280	70	34	34	3	1	3
Edgerton .....	Abel H. Colt'n	425	250	175	55	55	3	1	3
Ethan & Parkston	T. H. Hendricks	375	250	125	56	48	3	2	4
Fulton .....	E. W. Sage....	500	500	44	44	3	2	5	4
Howard .....	S. Washburn...	500	400	100	52	46	3	1	5
Kimball .....	Frank Colony..	*640	557	83	48	26	4	3	
Mitchell .....	A. W. Adkinson	1000	1000	90	90	5	5	5	5
Mitchell Circuit..	J. M. Smith...	2	2						
Mount Vernon .....	J. G. Hall....	470	420	50	48	40	3	2	2
Plankinton .....	C. H. Smith...	840	680	160	62	62	3	3	3
Scotland .....	L. W. Miller...	800	650	150	62	59	3	1	5
Tyndall, Springfld	W. F. Minty...	800	625	175	62	56	3	2	5
White Lake .....	A. L. Mickle...	460	200	260	52	22	2	1	3
Woonsocket .....	T. H. Youngman	*800	700	100	62	51	3	2	2
Totals .....		11600	8585	2015	1008	876	51	33	57

# STATISTICS No. 3, HURON DISTRICT, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1890.

Alpena .....	3	20	70	23	55	35	\$ 23	17	29	8
Blunt .....	2	19	70	25	45	60		19		
Burkmore .....	3	14	76	87				12	52	3
Cavour .....	3	17	75	16	42	100		16	12	42
De Smet .....	1	11	49	11	35	40		10		
Faulkton .....	3	19	109	23	65	77		48	58	43
Gettysb'g, F'st City	1	9	44	12	34	31		29	7	
Hand Circuit .....	3	24	160	50	130	50		70	24	150
Highmore .....	2	17	75	20	65	175		23	12	20
Hitchcock .....	4	25	130	30	150	160		60	20	80
Huron .....	1	28	220	45	173	200		80	28	55
Iroquois .....	2	23	125	88				20	19	65
Miller .....	2	8	75	12	35	40		20	8	35
Oneida .....	2	8	45	40				6		
Pierre, first church	2	10	95	19	70			10		
E. Pierre, Ft. Pierre	2	17	98	32	87	25		35	17	22
Redfield .....	1	14	150	25	93	30		40	14	60
St. Lawrence .....	1	10	55	15	45	75		30	8	25
Waterbury .....	2	18	75	21	50			16	16	35
Wessingt'n, Wolsey	2	14	50	14	33	60		15	13	15
Wessington Sp'ngs	3	20	90							
Winthrop .....	4	30	112	22	80	101		30	28	50
Totals .....	49	375	2048	415	1502	1159		655	358	778

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Alexandria .....	1	8	58	14	45	150	12	8	16	
Armour .....	1	8	50	10	45	50		8		
Bridgewater .....	3	27	145	53	112	150	42	20	37	25
Bijou Hills .....	5	24	185	24	175	10	71	21	30	1
Chamberlain .....	2	14	125	30	80	130	78	10	15	
Carthage & Artes'n	2	14	80	19	60	130	35	14	40	7
Delmont .....	1	4	36	11	25	160	3	4	6	
Edgerton .....	2	8	60	24	40	190	15	6	20	
Ethan & Parkston	2	16	122	17	14	100	20	14	62	
Fulton .....	2	16	115	18	90	200	25	15	55	
Howard .....	1	13	53	12	42	48	12	11	16	
Kimball .....	1	8	50	20	35	150	40	8	20	6
Mitchell .....	1	20	125	25	90	150	75	20		
Mitchell Circuit..	1	7	30							
Mount Vernon .....	1	10	45	12	35		21	10		
Plankinton .....	3	20	150		20	31				
Scotland .....	2	18	130	30	71	30	25	18	62	
Tyndall, Sp'ngfld	2	16	95	19	75	90	35	15		
White Lake .....	2	14	50	15	35	40	15	7	15	10
Woonsocket .....	1	12	96	30	61	83	47	12	25	
Totals .....	36	277	1800	383	1130	1881	603	221	419	49

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		Pastors				P. E.		Bishops	
		Claims, H. R. and value of Parsonages.	Receipts, in 'g H. R. or value of Parsonages	Deficiencies	Apportioned.	Paid	Apportioned.	Paid	C. Cl'ts
Alcester.....	S. D. McUmbert	\$ 300	95	205	24	18	.....	.....	.....
Beresford.....	M. E. Nickerson	600*	492	108	48	48	.....	1	.....
Centerville.....	S. A. French..	670*	622	48	44	44	2	2	2
Canton.....	A. Jamieson...	770*	820	.....	64	64	6	6	.....
Dell Rapids.....	J. P. Jenkins..	900*	900	.....	68	68	.....	3	.....
Elk Point.....	D. Rifenbark..	645*	645	.....	64	64	.....	3	.....
Egan.....	A. D. Dexter...	300	343	.....	24	24	1	.....	.....
Flandreau.....	A. Matson.....	380	380	.....	40	40	.....	1	.....
Gayville.....	S. D. Keister..	225	260	.....	24	24	.....	1	.....
Hartford.....	W. J. Wilson...	400	290	110	50	44	.....	.....	6
Hurley.....	A. E. Carhart..	300	300	.....	32	32	.....	1	.....
Lennox.....	J. E. Norvell..	555*	539	16	48	48	2	1	2
Lodi.....	L. H. Huckins	400*	330	70	56	56	.....	1	.....
Parker.....	T. H. Walker...	620*	620	.....	50	50	3	3	3
Prospect.....	W. O. Redfield	536*	359	177	52	52	.....	5	.....
Richland.....	D. Rifenbark..	100	100	.....	20	20	.....	.....	.....
Montrose.....	O. A. Harpel...	.....	145	.....	.....	21	.....	1	.....
Salem.....	A. B. Smart....	425*	325	100	37	33	.....	2	.....
Sioux Falls.....	L. L. Hanscom	1500*	1500	.....	120	120	10	10	30
Vermillion.....	G. D. Cleworth	900*	900	.....	80	80	3	3	3
Yankton.....	E. E. Clough..	1100*	1100	.....	90	90	.....	3	.....
Totals.....	.....	11626	11065	834	1035	1040	27	49	11

NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY SCHOOLS										
	No. of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars of all ages.	No. Scholars in Infant Class.	Av. Att'ce Tch'rs and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Expenses Sch'ls this year	Officers & Tch'rs Ch Mem or Prob	Scholars, Church Mem'rs or Prob.	Conversions in S. S. this year.	
Alcester .....	1	7	55	5	45	100	\$ 25	6	10	2	
Beresford .....	2	12	80	15	75	50	12	10	20	5	
Centerville .....	2	18	120	16	80	200	40	18	70	7	
Canton .....	2	15	115	25	90	150	62	15	...	...	
Dell Rapids .....	2	23	143	17	95	80	19	20	62	7	
Elk Point .....	1	9	120	50	67	...	36	7	27	4	
Egan .....	2	12	75	15	60	25	15	10	12	...	
Flandreau .....	1	7	55	26	35	100	35	7	10	2	
Gayville .....	1	9	45	15	40	...	12	9	20	...	
Hartford .....	3	15	75	10	45	40	10	10	...	...	
Hurley .....	1	7	50	13	34	69	14	5	15	2	
Lennox .....	1	11	70	25	60	...	31	10	12	...	
Lodi .....	3	12	100	25	75	...	50	12	60	...	
Montrose .....	3	30	125	30	90	...	...	...	...	...	
Parker .....	2	19	132	29	90	62	26	16	...	...	
Prospect .....	1	12	63	20	65	100	14	12	30	...	
Richland .....	1	9	60	15	22	...	8	9	16	...	
Salem .....	2	10	70	20	50	50	20	10	6	6	
Sioux Falls .....	1	25	167	21	100	...	60	21	75	5	
Vermillion .....	1	17	150	27	104	...	68	15	70	14	
Yankton .....	1	21	211	40	118	250	100	20	50	2	
Totals .....	34	300	2081	459	1440	1276	657	242	565	56	

## STATISTICS No. 2, WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Arlington.....	W. C. Sage....	\$ 380	400	.....	40	40	2	2	3	3
Aurora.....	F. E. Leazer...	550	550	.....	40	40	3	1	1	1
Big Stone City...	S. D. Robinson	550	432	118	50	50	.....	.....	2	2
Bristol.....	S. P. Brockaw	600	483	117	32	28	4	4	2	2
Bradley.....	Wm. Colvin...	380	330	50	30	21	3	3	.....	27
Brookings.....	F. H. Wheeler	800	800	.....	60	60	.....	3	3	3
Clear Lake.....	C. W. East....	400	424	.....	20	20	3	3	2	2
Clark.....	T. Wilkinson..	900	640	260	60	55	2	2	2	2
Clark Circuit.....	Jas. Trewartha	450	210	240	.....	12	.....	1	.....	2
Elkton.....	T. A. Jones...	675	575	100	40	40	4	4	1	1

## STATISTICS No. 3, WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Aurora.....	2	15	150	40	.....	53	15	60	.....
Big Stone City...	3	21	160	25	123	260	50	11	34
Bristol.....	3	17	80	20	55	500	21	15	10
Bradley.....	2	11	55	24	40	25	20	6	5
Brookings.....	1	17	128	35	64	.....	66	15	55
Clear Lake.....	2	12	75	20	60	195	35	4	.....
Clark.....	3	25	175	50	100	75	60	25	100
Clark Circuit.....	4	20	70	20	50	50	4	18	20
Elkton.....	3	15	120	25	100	30	30	15	18
Estelline.....	2	10	50	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	7

Estelline .....	A. Sanderson.	\$ 380	380	....	25	25	....	...	....	...
Gary.. .....	R. C. St. Clair	675	503	172	60	52	4	2	....	....
Henry. ....	O. A. Phillips.	775	775	....	60	60	5	5	5	5
Kampeska .....	H. M. Springer	750	700	50	50	50	2	2	6	6
Lake Preston .....										
Madison .....	C. E. Hager...	1000	1000	....	60	60	5	5	5	5
Milbank.....	J. C. Shelland	1250	1250	....	80	80	5	5	5	5
Twin Brooks.....	E. S. Ireland..	275	275	....	32	32	...	1	...	1
Watertown.....	W. S. Robinson	2339	1800	539	120	120	...	5	...	5
Webster.....	J. Motterhead.	700	332	368	60	60	6	6	...	1
White.....	R. M. Stavely.	100	100	....	40	40	6	6	....	....
Wilnot.....	L. C. McLean.	450	450	....	36	36	3	3	5	5
Willow Lakes.....	Jas. B. Dibble	....	275	....	25	25	3	3	....	....
Totals.....		\$14379	12684	2014	1020	1006	60	66	42	78

Estelline .....	2	10	50	....	30	....	....	7	....	....
Gary.....	3	29	125	30	100	50	50	20	60	8
Henry .....	3	23	100	20	85	....	45	23	65	10
Kampeska.....	2	16	85	19	50	....	20	15	....	19
Lake Preston.....										
Madison.....	1	18	140	40	78	....	55	18	70	15
Milbank.....	1	26	127	54	107	200	69	20	45	14
Twin Brooks.....	2	10	110	34	85	....	19	8	25	...
Watertown.....	1	19	150	30	100	150	150	19	50	....
Webster .....	1	9	50	20	40	126	81	8	14	....
White .....	2	18	111	23	94	....	13	17	63	....
Wilnot.....	3	14	140	40	110	50	25	....	11	7
Willow Lakes.....	1	7	27	7	...	....	7	20	....	....
Totals.....	\$ 45	346	2228	576	1476	1651	866	286	725	91

# CONFERENCE RECORD AND ROLL, 1890.

NAME	BORN		Admitted into full connection		Came to Dakota	POST OFFICE
	Where	When	Conference	When	Confer'ce	
Adkinson A. W.	Indiana	1851	S. E. Indiana.	1877	Charter	Watertown
Akers J. S.	Illinois	.....	Illinois	.....	.....	Faulton
Boggs A. R.	Ohio	1835	Michigan	1870	Charter	Mitchell
Bradford Lewis	New York	1842	Mississippi	1875	Charter	Huron
Brown S. F.	Pen'syl'via	1825	Wyoming	1866	Charter	.....
Brown Wm. W.	Ontario	1864	Dakota	1889	.....	Athol
Brush Wm.	Connectic't	1825	New York	1853	1886	Mitchell
Bullock Edward O.	Wisconsin	1860	Dakota	1888	1888	Ellendale, N. D.
Bardick F. A.	Ontario	1852	N. W. Iowa	1879	Charter	Aberdeen
Carson Thos.	Scotland	1860	Dakota	1889	1889	Iroquois
Chamberlin D. W.	.....	.....	N. W. Iowa	.....	Charter	Scotland
Clark C. B.	New York	1839	Iowa	1864	1885	Mitchell
Cleworth Gilbert D	Canada	1865	Dakota	1887	1887	Vermillion
Corwin G. J.	New York	1842	Dakota	1886	1886	Carthage
Clough E. E.	New York	1840	W. Wisconsin	1870	1887	Yankton
Deeble Wm. D.	England	1858	Dakota	1888	1888	Langford
Dexter A. D.	Maine	.....	Maine	.....	.....	Sioux Falls
Donoghue Timothy	Ontario	1860	Bay of Quinte	1884	1886	Lennox
Dresser H. H.	New Jersey	1838	Wyoming	1866	1887	Watertown
Dibble Jas. B.	.....	.....	Dakota	1880	1890	Kampeska
Fielder Wm.	England	1852	N. W. Iowa	1890	Charter	Huron
French Silas A.	Vermont	1849	Dakota	1887	1887	Elk Point
Fourier Lucas G.	Canada	1858	Dakota	1887	1887	Evanston, Ill.
Gerrish T.	Main	.....	Maine	.....	.....	Portland, Me.
Gostelow David	England	1832	Wesleyan M.	1854	1887	Groton
Hager C. E.	New York	1852	Upper Iowa	1878	Charter	Madison
Hall J. G.	Pennsyl'via	1852	Ohio	1879	1886	Mt. Vernon
Hammond Phil. K	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Evanston, Ill.
Hanscom L. L.	Maine	.....	Maine	.....	1889	Sioux Falls
Hartsough Lewis	New York	1828	Oneida	1854	Charter	Sioux Falls
Hyde Wm. J.	Ontario	1863	Dakota	1888	1888	Parker
Hendricks Tarea H	.....	.....	Dakota	1890	1890	Alpena
Irwin Wm. H.	Ontario	1863	Dakota	1888	1888	Doland
Jamison A.	Ontario	1837	N. W. Iowa	1875	Charter	Pierre
Jenkins J. P.	Mass.	1860	Dakota	1887	1887	Sioux Falls
Jones Thos. A.	Ontario	1861	Dakota	1889	1889	Elkton
Jordan Wm. H.	Mass.	1857	Dakota	1887	1887	Sioux Falls
Janes Arza P.	.....	.....	Dakota	1890	1890	Ethan
Leavell Chas. L.	Indiana	.....	Dakota	1888	1888	Chicago
Leazer Fred E.	Vermont	1859	Dakota	1888	1888	Estelline
Locke Hosea	Canada	1832	Niagara	1860	1886	Flandreau
Matson Wm. H.	Ohio	1846	Dakota	1887	1887	Yankton Reserve
Miller L. W.	Ohio	1854	N. W. Iowa	1882	Charter	Redfield
Minty W. F.	England	1844	Rock River	1877	Charter	Tyndall
Murray O. E.	England	1856	Protes't Meth.	1877	1886	Evanston, Ill.
McL an Donald C.	.....	.....	Dakota	1890	1890	Wilmot
Mortershead Jos.	England	1862	Dakota	1890	1890	Centreville
Nicholls Francis T	England	1858	Dakota	1889	1889	Evanston, Ill.
Nickerson M. E.	Illinois	1856	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Salem
Norvell J. E.	Iowa	1859	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Wessington Spgs
Opie R. C.	England	1853	Dakota	1889	1889	St. Lawrence
Phillips O. A.	Vermont	1837	United Breth'n	1863	Charter	Henry
Rifenbark D.	New York	1849	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Dell Rapids
Robertson F. M.	Iowa	.....	Upper Iowa	.....	1886	Fayette, Iowa
Rowe Jas.	England	1860	Minnesota	1885	Charter	Evanston, Ill.
Redfield Wm. O.	.....	.....	Dakota	1890	1890	Hartford
Robinson S. D.	.....	.....	Dakota	1890	1890	Clark
Sage E. W.	Ontario	1843	Des Moines	1873	Charter	Mitchell
Sage Wm. C.	Ontario	1861	Dakota	1889	1889	Arlington
Selleck W. H.	New York	1859	Dakota	1885	Charter	Spokane Falls W
Simmons Thos.	Ohio	1849	Upper Iowa	1875	Charter	Canton
Shelland J. C.	New York	1846	Wyoming	1874	Charter	Aberdeen
Smith Chas. H.	Wisconsin	1858	Dakota	1888	1888	Evanston, Ill.
Springer H. M.	Illinois	1842	W. Wisconsin	1864	Charter	White
Sproul O. H.	.....	.....	Upper Iowa	.....	Charter	Brookings
St. Clair R. C.	Illinois	1841	Illinois	1872	1887	Aurora
Sparks Ira A.	.....	.....	Dakota	1890	1890	Armour
Tanner Almon E.	.....	.....	Rock River	.....	1885	Wolsey
Trewartha James.	England	1845	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Clark
Underwood Wm.	Ohio	1832	Rock River	1855	1887	Scotland
Vaughn Edward	Ontario	1860	Dakota	1889	1889	Bath
Walker T. H.	Ontario	1836	Can. Wesleyan	1864	Charter	.....
Washburn S.	New York	1830	Rock River	1863	1887	Mitchell
Wheller F. H.	New Hamp	1852	Dakota	1888	1888	Brookings
Wiles L. B.	Ohio	1858	N. W. Iowa	1884	Charter	DeSmet

## MEMOIR.

### ROSA E. PHILLIPS.

Rosa E. Phillips, wife of Rev. O. A. Phillips, died in the parsonage at Henry, at 8:30 A. M., Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1890.

Her sickness had lasted about two years, the last six months of which she was confined to the bed a great sufferer from internal cancer. During all this time her faith in God was firm and her assurance bright. Her end was peace.

Rosa E. Knisley was born near New Philadelphia, Ohio, February 18, 1839. She removed with her parents to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in 1852. Here she was married to Rev. O. A. Phillips, then a local preacher, March 3, 1863, and in October, 1864, they joined the great army of itinerants, from which she has just taken an honorable discharge.

For twenty-six years the wife of a traveling preacher, and her husband's testimony is that during all that time never a tangle or embarrassment of any sort could be attributed to word or deed of hers. High praise for one in the delicate position of a preacher's wife.

Ten years ago they removed from Minnesota to Dakota, settling near Ordway, in Brown county. Here while her husband was pioneering the work of God over that and adjoining counties, she with steady hand and loving heart, with the help of one of the best of sons then in his teens, kept all snug and safe and moving at home. Five years, rising early, retiring late, in the glare of summer and the howlings of winter, she did her full part and more in building a home and opening a large farm. Naturally of a cheerful and hopeful spirit, the hardships of those early years sometimes depressed her, especially as she thought of her children with their scant church and school privileges, and their hard work and often small return.

At last the time came when she could leave the farm and with her little girls could take her place by her husband's side on the Ashton charge. Here for two years she enjoyed the luxury of a measure of rest with greater privilege of Christian fellowship and activity. One year ago in feebleness and pain she went to Henry to die. Considerate for husband and children to the last, planning for them when she should be gone, sending messages of love and encouragement to absent chil-

dren and friends, so passed the weary days and nights of pain that are now ended forever.

"The truest of wives and the faithfulest of mothers," is the testimony of him by whose side she walked more than a quarter of a century.

Blessed be God for his precious grace through which she was enabled to live such a life of fidelity and die such a death of triumph. Her remains rest in the cemetery near the home of her girlhood and that of her aged parents at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Two sons and two daughters were the fruit of her marriage and they all live to mourn for the mother who has left them.

NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.	Time Death	Age.	Y'rs in Min.	Conference Relations.
John M. Rust.....	Vermillion, Dak..	1871	41	15	Effective.
Thos. M. Williams	Bridgewater, Dak.	1882	50	24	"
Wm. H. Hoadley.	Huron, Dakota...	1886	41	16	Supernum'y
T. S. Hunt.....	Aurora, Indiana..	1887	57	16	Effective.
Wm. H. Affleck..	Leeds, England..	1887	76	..	
Wm. Vivian.....	San Fernando....	1888	45	8	Supernum'y
Chas. B. Gilbert..	.....	1889	..	..	
Stanley S. Smith..	.....	1889	..	..	



# MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT.

## Aberdeen District—\$2,600

Andover .....	\$80	Groton .....	120
Ashton .....	100	Hecla .....	80
Bangor and Bowdle .....	100	Ipswich .....	120
Bath .....	64	Langford .....	75
Athol .....	50	Leola .....	250
Britton .....	160	Ludden .....	100
Campbell Co. ....	120	Doland and Frankfort .....	80
Claremont .....	100	Newark .....	120
Colombia .....	200	Warner .....	80
Coral .....	60	Westport .....	80
DeVoe and Ronoake .....	80	District .....	310
Ellendale .....	110		
Frederick .....	120		\$2,600

## Huron District—\$2,690

Alpena .....	\$100	Onida .....	100
Blunt .....	150	East Pierre and Ft. Pierre .....	100
Cavour .....	100	Redfield .....	100
DeSmet and Lake Preston .....	100	Spring Lake .....	100
Faulton .....	150	St. Lawrence .....	200
Gettysburg .....	150	Wessington and Woolsey .....	100
Hand .....	50	Wessington Springs .....	140
Highmore .....	150	Winthrop .....	100
Hitchcock .....	100	District .....	400
Iroquois .....	150		
Miller .....	150		\$2,690

## Mitchell District—\$2,020

Alexandria .....	\$60	Kimball .....	160
Armour .....	70	Mitchell Circuit .....	140
Bridgewater .....	60	Mt. Vernon .....	150
Bijou Hills .....	60	Plankinton .....	150
Chamberlain .....	100	Tyndall .....	150
Artesian and Carthage .....	175	Salem .....	60
Delmont .....	6	Parkston Circuit .....	40
Edgerton .....	60	District .....	375
Ethan .....	60		
Fulton .....	60		\$2,020
Howard .....	100		

## Sioux Falls District—\$1,555

Beresford .....	\$65	Madison .....	50
Canton .....	40	Montrose .....	20
Centerville .....	100	Parker .....	100
Elk Point .....	80	Prospect .....	50
Elk Point Circuit .....	40	Richland .....	50
Egan .....	60	Sioux Falls Circuit .....	60
Flandreau .....	100	Sioux Falls Mission .....	200
Gayville .....	50	Vermillion .....	50
Hartford .....	100	District .....	190
Hurley .....	60		
Lodi .....	40		\$1,555
Lennax .....	50		

## Watertown District—\$1,530

Aurora and Medway .....	\$130	Waverly .....	100
Arlington .....	50	Webster .....	75
Big Stone .....	75	White .....	90
Bradley .....	100	Willow Lakes .....	175
Bristol .....	75	Wilnot .....	85
Clear Lake .....	75	Wanghbay .....	100
Elkton .....	75	District .....	200
Esteline .....	00		
Henry .....	50		\$1,530
Twin Brooks .....	75		



## REPORTS.

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### *Bible Cause. (B.)*

As the Bible was especially given to man to reveal the way back to God, from whom by sin he had wandered, we regard its dissemination as vital to the enlightenment and salvation of the people, and we regard the American Bible Society as an important agency in spreading the word of life.

A. JAMIESON, Chairman of Committee.

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### *Report of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Committee. (C.)*

Recognizing that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, has been, and is a potent factor in Foreign Missionary work, in advancing the christian church, and also in elevating, educating, and christianizing heathen women, therefore we resolve:

- 1, That we, as a conference, recommend that auxiliaries and mission bands be organized wherever possible.
- 2, That where no auxiliary exists, the preacher in charge correspond with Mrs. I. M. Hartsough, the conference secretary.
- 3, That we recommend the organ of the society, "The Heathen Woman's Friend" to all our people; also the "Heathen Children' Friend."

E. O. BULLOCK, R. ST. CLAIR, R. C. OPIE, J. A. SPARKS, J. P. JENKINS.

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### *Report on Prohibition. (D.)*

WHEREAS the Rum interests of the nation are antagonistic to the home, the school and the Kingdom of Christ, and destructive of property and good order, therefore

*Resolved 1st.* That we hold the business of manufacturing and trafficking in intoxicating drinks to be wholly evil, and demand that it shall be abolished by national law as well as by state enactment.

*Resolved 2d.* That we hold the proper attitude of christians toward this traffic to be one of uncompromising hostility, and we therefore decline to be controlled by any political organizations that favor licensing the same.

*Resolved 3rd.* That we are not in sympathy with the cry that Prohibition is a dead issue, nor will we consider the question settled till our

state and nation are thoroughly rid of the iniquitous traffic.

*Resolved 4th.* That we are unalterably opposed to Re-submission, and will oppose all candidates who are in sympathy with such action, or are known enemies to Prohibition.

*Resolved 5th.* That we demand strict enforcement of our present prohibitory laws; calling upon the coming legislature to pass such enactments as may be needed to make the laws more effective.

*Resolved 6th.* That we recognize the potency of the W. C. T. U. as an organized force in this great reform, and are grateful for their unflagging zeal and Christian courage.

*Resolved 7th.* That we will join hands and prayers with our neighbor Nebraska, in her effort to secure constitutional prohibition at the coming election.

*Resolved 8th.* That we tender to Rev. Wm. Fielder our most sincere thanks for his valuable services in securing the best prohibitory laws yet enacted in any state, and in forming organizations for the enforcement of the same.

H. H. DRESSER, Chairman.

C. E. HAGER, Secretary.

*Resolved 9th.* That to all our friends in Nebraska and elsewhere, who are struggling for the overthrow of the saloon, that stronghold of Satan's kingdom in our land, we send hearty greetings with earnest prayers for their speedy triumph; and we assure them that, notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, prohibition in South Dakota does prohibit.

*Resolved 10th.* That this Conference urges upon the directorate of the Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893, the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors within the grounds and buildings of the Exposition, and that we earnestly pray them to close the world's fair on the christian Sabbath.

J. S. AKERS, E. E. CLOUGH, Committee.

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*Report of Committee on Periodicals. (E.)*

The Methodist Episcopal church believes in brains. Literature is food for brains, for the human mind takes bias from the matter it reads, and as this is a reading age, and as somebody must provide this reading, and as the bias of the mind will be given by it, it is plain that if the church is to mould the minds and direct the religious thought of its people, it must provide its own literature. That the mammoth printing houses of Methodism evidence her interest in providing this literature. That we pastors be-

ing the authorized agents for the sale of books and papers, declare it to be our duty to do our utmost in furnishing these publications to the people. And we especially continue our hearty endorsement and support of the Northwestern Christian Advocate for its strong and vigorous position on all the great moral questions.

We also rejoice in the successful effort of the church in furnishing our young people a paper of so great worth as the Epworth Herald, and will do our utmost to secure its circulation. And we will try to put an Advocate and an Epworth Herald into every family. That we approve of the twenty-five book scheme of the western agents, and will as far as possible take advantage of the same. That we recommend that the preachers be urged to call attention to these matters from the pulpit.

W. J. HYDE.

E. E. CLOUGH.

O. H. SPROUL.

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*Conference Stewards. (F.)*

Your committee find at their disposal resources as follows:

Interest from \$1000, loaned	\$100 00
Receipt from chartered fund	30 00
Dividend from Book Concern	583 00
Conference collections	240 00

Total	\$953 00
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Of this sum we recommend that there be apportioned:

To Mrs. W. H. Hoadly	\$150 00
To W. W. Brown	200 00
To Ella Vivian	200 00
To Sister Affleck	103 00

Total	\$653 00
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For permanent investment	
Balance this year	\$300 00
Already invested	1000 00

Total	\$1300 00
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M. E. NICKERSON, Chairman.

T. CARSON.

W. F. MINTY.

D. GOSTELOW.

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*Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. (G.)*

*To the Dakota Conference:*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, beg leave to report, that

WHEREAS, It is the providential work, or duty of the people of the United States to take the thought of Europe, Asia, and Africa touching the social, political, moral, and religious interests, and conditions of mankind, and eliminate therefrom all that is erroneous, and to supply that which is lacking, and thus to give back to them thought which is sound, pure, and good, and

WHEREAS, It is our further providential work to give back to the old world, thought; not theoretical; but thought which has been applied, tested, practically demonstrated to be right. That to afford us this opportunity, and thrust this work upon us, providence has sent the sons and daughters of these grand divisions of the globe to our shores by hundreds of thousands, and

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal church is the greatest American factor in the solution of the great social, political, moral, and religious problems of the ages, and

WHEREAS, One of the greatest problems of the age, is involved in the question: What shall be the status of our present population of eight millions of colored people; of our thirty-two millions fifty years hence; and of our sixty-four millions seventy-five years hence? And

WHEREAS, The law of caste, created by the slave laws of the south debarred, not only the colored population of the slave states from the privilege of education, but also many of the white people, and although twenty-seven years have passed since the abolition of slavery, comparative poverty, and other causes have prevented the establishment of any efficient common school system of education, to say nothing of higher education, Therefore:

*Resolved*, That we consider our obligations to sustain the F. A. & S. E. S. imperative in the highest sense, and that our possibilities are exceedingly encouraging. Resulting from this great work we have reason to anticipate in the near future the accession of millions of thoroughly converted souls to our church membership; the investment of millions of dollars in churches and parsonages, the gathering into our Sunday Schools millions of boys and girls; the active operation of many seminaries of learning; and richly endowed universities,

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the prosperity which has attended our F. A. & S. E. S. during the past twenty-four years of its existence, and particularly in the fact that, the collections of the past year have exceeded those of any other year of its existence.

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse, and encourage the officers of this society in the proposed Quarterly Centennial Celebration during the year 1891, and that we pledge ourselves to do what we can to aid them in making the celebration a success worthy of the cause.

*Resolved*, That we accept the apportionment of \$750.00 to be raised by the conference for the F. A. & S. E. S. and pledge ourselves to raise it.

*Resolved*, That we approve of the Christian Educator, as a medium through which information concerning this branch of our church work may be disseminated throughout the church.

L. B. WILES, Chairman.

W. UNDERWOOD, Secretary.

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*Church Extension. (H.)*

Recognizing the fact that we owe much of our past success in building Methodist Episcopal churches in this Conference to the Board of Church Extension, and

WHEREAS, we have still many openings for churches which must be built in the near future, therefore:

*Resolved*: That we put forth earnest efforts to educate our people in the work of that Board. That we strive to meet as early as possible all our obligations to that society by paying as far as is possible the debts of the past, and by meeting in full our own apportionments to that Board.

S. D. ROBINSON, Ch'n, W. J. HYDE, Sec. G. J. CORWIN, D. RIFENBARK.

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*Report of Auditing Committee of Presiding Elder's Accounts. (J.)*

The Auditing Committee has carefully examined the Presiding Elders' accounts for the year ending Oct. 9th 1890, and find the same to be correct.

S. A. FRENCH Chairman,

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*Epworth League. (K.)*

The progress of the Epworth League movement during the sixteen months since its inception has been of so marked a character that a failure on the part of any conference, to recognize and emphasize its value, efficiency and power, would be unjustifiable. It was, undoubtedly, a Providential movement, which may, under God, accomplish great things for our church and the cause of Christ, and ought to be utilized by every pastor and in every charge. We therefore, as a conference, declare:

1. That we will on all our charges, and at our district meetings, as well as at each session of our annual Conference, provide for suitable recognition, fitting emphasis, and careful instruction regarding the work and aim of the Epworth League, in order that our people may be in readiness of heart and mind to press the work.

2. That we will urge and aid in the work of organization, effecting, as rapidly as possible, on every charge within the bounds of our conference, the organization of a League where there is no young people's society, and the enrollment of every other young people's society on our charges under a charter as a chapter of the Epworth League.

3. That we will use every reasonable effort to introduce the Epworth Herald, the organ of the Epworth League, declaring our belief that it is not only worthy of our support and praise, but also that it is a powerful lever by which our young people may be lifted and brought into intelligent and hearty sympathy with our church.

4. That we recognize the power of the Epworth League movement, especially as a spiritual agency, and will make this prominent in all the work of our Leagues, believing this to be the cause for which it was raised up.

We recommend that each league be provided with a copy of Dr. Price's excellent book, "Epworth League Workers."

We suggest that the committee on programme for the ensuing session of our annual Conference provide for an Epworth League anniversary on the Sunday evening of the Conference session, unless some other equally good arrangements shall be made.

We nominate the following as a committee who shall have in charge this anniversary: C. E. Hager, O. E. Bullock, F. H. Wheeler.

Signed by W. H. SELLECK, H. H. DRESSER, F. H. WHEELER.

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*Sabbath Observance. (L.)*

Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to make the following report:

That we recognize in the Christian Sabbath an enduring memorial of the fact that our times are in the hands of God. The command enjoining the observance of the Sabbath was evidently designed, in the midst of the manifold and exhaustive labors of life, to counteract the tendency, everywhere prevalent, toward mental and physical decay, and at the same time to arouse into helpful development the spiritual nature of mankind.

It is the one observance that is incapable of essential modification under all dispersations. The law of the Sabbath belongs to the life of the race.

We declare, therefore, as our conviction that all people, and the laws and habits of all people, in order to the promotion of the highest type of social and national life, must bow to its authority and conform to its requirements.

We as christian ministers can never consistently assume any other attitude toward the widespread and alarming neglect of Sabbath observance than that of uncompromising hostility.

We will therefore avoid so far as is possible all Sunday travel that must involve secular labor on the part of others.

We will enjoin upon our people by precept and example that they refrain from all devotion to the pursuit of pleasure, and to the labors of business on the Lord's day.

We will preach faithfully on the subject of the Sabbath, enforcing its authority, and explaining its requirements.

We deprecate the fact of the transmission and distribution of the mails on the Sabbath, requiring the running of Sunday trains on our great railroad lines, as the one agency more than any other that drags in the care and drudgery of commercial greed and the dissipating literature of the Sunday paper to disturb the solemnities of the day of rest.

We congratulate ourselves that we have as auxiliary an outspoken Methodist press that speaks with no faltering voice on this as well as on all topics vital to the good order and well being of society.

That, while we rejoice in the prospect of our coming Columbian World's Fair, and wish it the highest success in all good things; for this and other higher reasons, we wish to enter our most earnest protest against the opening of that fair on the Holy Sabbath, so reversing our record as a christian nation, ignoring our foundation principles and precedents, as a people, and trampling down our higher interests, and civilization, upon the low and paltry plea of dollars.

That we heartily recognize and endorse the work of the American Sabbath Union, and of our State Sabbath Association, and will do all we reasonably can to aid their work in the interest of better Sabbath laws and observance.

That we petition our next legislature to enact proper laws against Sabbath breaking and adultery, there being no such laws upon our statute books.

That we heartily endorse the Blair Sabbath Rest Bill, introduced into Congress, and earnestly ask our national legislators to enact it into a law, and so place our general government in harmony with our civil and religious history, and with the legislation of our states and municipalities on this question of Sabbath observance and kindred interests, and so give to those in the employ of the nation the enjoyment of the same rights guaranteed by our state statutes.

We earnestly pray the Great Head of the church that he so lay his restraining hand upon the minds and hearts of men that law and usage shall speedily emancipate us on the one hand from the present unhallowed desecration on the Lord's day, and on the other shall bind us in the righteous thralldom of a thoroughly christian conscience on the subject. Signed,

THOS. SIMMONS, R. C. OPIE, T. A. JONES, S. WASHBURN.

*Education. (M.)*

The pre-eminent purpose of the church in the providence of God is the salvation of men, the redemption of a lost world. It also is the repository of truth, the bulwark against ignorance, the constant friend of education. Religion and culture, the church and the college, are not antagonists, but allies. Education without Christ is a dangerous experiment, with him the crowning glory of man. Christian Education is a strength and safeguard to character, a defence to purity and honor, an aid to piety, patriotism, love for humanity and God.

The pulpit, the teacher's desk, the learned professions, the business house and the home, are calling more loudly than ever for educated men and women. Higher education has profit financially, socially, gives influence among men, breadth of vision, and a secret satisfaction richer than all outward advantages.

Our ministers cannot preach, exhort, converse about a subject with interest more thrilling to the parents and young people of our church, than the benefits of a college training. Dakota Methodism has its university surrounded by competing institutions of sister denominations and state, owing to the strength of our church. Its strength should equal, nay, exceed that of any.

This conference owes it to Mitchell, to the generous donors of means in the east, to the young people of our state, and to ourselves to stand by, to enthusiastically press forward the interest of our new and exceedingly promising school. Baptized in the past by fire and blood, it must go forward, it must triumph. Let the church feel the electric thrill of our enthusiasm, and the response with means, and students, will be hearty, glorious.

We find the faculty able, enthusiastic, that there have been enrolled in all departments during the past year, 87 students, and the present term opens with 60 students.

The building is well furnished, and heated with steam. The library and apparatus shows a good beginning. The cabinet is one of the finest in the west.

We find the following to be the present and prospective financial status:

LIABILITIES.	
Deficiency due teachers from last year	\$1100 00
Deficiency due on last year's fuel	167 00
Deficiency due janitor	116 00
Deficiency on school supplies	60 00
Total deficiency	\$1443 00
Estimated needs for school year 90-91.	
Fuel	\$1000 00
Janitor and fireman	100 00
Teachers' salaries	3200 00
School supplies	100 00
Total	\$4400 00



Total deficiency and prospective need	\$5843 00
RESOURCES.	
Cash in Conference Treasury	\$278 00
Tuition and incidental fees	1000 00
Room-rent and heat	300 00
Conference assessment	1500 00
Total	\$3078 00
Leaving to be raised outside the conference	\$2765 00

Of this there is a large uncollected balance of the \$1000 reported at the June meeting of the board, to be collected by Dr. Brush.

We recommend that Dr. Brush be requested to collect the same as soon as possible and to canvas the foreign field for the large additional amount necessary to keep the school running.

To this end we heartily commend him and the cause of the University to the friends of Christian education throughout the connection.

We further recommend that the first Sunday in December be observed on every charge as University day, on which day a collection be taken and as soon as possible forwarded to the Treasurer of the University Board, at Mitchell. If from any cause it should not be convenient on that day, let it be on a day soon thereafter.

We respectfully request the Bishop to appoint Rev. Dr. Robinson as agent of the University in the east.

We need feel no hesitation in recommending our school to the confidence of our people.

We recommend that all funds raised for general education be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the University.

We recommend the following named persons as the board of visitors: Rev's. L. W. Miller, L. L. Hanscom, E. E. Clough and Thomas Carson.

#### CHILDREN'S DAY.

The value of Children's Day is incomparable. The splendid management of this Connectional Society and steady increase in collections are reason for gratitude. Let every charge observe this day.

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We are delighted with the unexampled prosperity of Garrett Biblical Institute, and urge our young men as soon as they shall be able, to fit themselves for higher usefulness by a complete theological course at this institution. We recommend for visitors: Rev's. L. Hartsough and J. C. Shelland.

We cannot be indifferent to the nature of the tremendous struggle that is now in progress in the commonwealth of Wisconsin, for the preservation of a free common school system, the supremacy of American ideas.

We will carefully watch and steadfastly resist any encroachment from any source, to this cornerstone of our liberties and will earnestly pray for the blessing of God on the defenders of the common school.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SELLECK, Chairman.

*Committee on Auditing Treasurer's Accounts. (N.)*

We have examined his books and tally sheets and find them models of neatness and accuracy.

The Treasurer wishes the Conference to be more careful in securing vouchers in regular form, so many of them being in letters, or on slips, that are difficult to handle.

In the permanent fund there are notes on hand,	-	-	\$976.00
Cash accrued since last Conference,	-	-	100.00
Interest to be paid by Oct. 21,	-	-	100.00
Received for Conference claimants from all sources,	-	-	960.50
Appropriated by Conference Stewards,	-	-	653.00
Balance to be added to permanent fund,	-	-	\$307.50

That we recommend a permanent Committee on Loans, to consist of the Conference Treasurer and the Presiding Elders of the Watertown and Sioux Falls Districts, by whom all applications for loans must be considered before allowed. That hereafter no moneys be loaned except on adequate security.

D. GOSTELLOW, F. H. WHEELER, E. E. CLOUGH.

*Sunday School Union and Tracts. (O.)*

We feel under great obligations to the Sunday School Union for the help received from them this year, therefore

*Resolved.* That we do all we can in presenting their cause and raise the amount apportioned to our charges, and do what we can to aid in the furtherance of this work of the kingdom of Christ.

Feeling the need of the Tract Society, and realizing the help received from the society, therefore

*Resolved.* That we use all the tracts we are entitled to have and raise the amount apportioned our charges.

L. B. WILES, A. P. JANES.

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions. (P.)*

On the Overture from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

WHEREAS, War is a blot upon our Christian civilization and is a relic of barbarism, and

WHEREAS, War is a failure as a just basis for the adjustment of international difficulties, and

WHEREAS, The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has inaugurated a movement to abolish war, and secure the settlement of all international disputes by peaceful arbitration, and has handed to this body an overture requesting us to unite in this good work, be it therefore

*Resolved*, That we authorize our president and secretary to forward the following response to said overture:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, for 1891:

The Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby acknowledges the receipt of the overture from the General Assembly of your church for 1890, regarding the settlement of international disputes by peaceful arbitration.

In reply, we desire to express our hearty approval of your effort, and join you in your petition to the several governments of the Christian Nations of the World, causing it to be signed by our President and Secretary, and by electing our brother, the Hon. John A. Pickler M. C., as our representative to the convention to be called in 1891.

Praying great grace upon you, that God may more abundantly bless and prosper you, we remain your brethren and fellow workers in the Kingdom and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ.

J. N. FITZGERALD, President.

G. D. CLEWORTH, Secretary.

*Resolved 2*, That we memorialize the Governments of the various Christian Nations as follows:

A PETITION TO THE SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

The Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church wishes you grace and peace.

We, in co-operation with other Christian bodies, humbly memorialize you, as the guardians of your people, in behalf of peaceful arbitration as a means of settling questions that arise between nations. The spectacle that is presented of Christian nations facing each other with heavy armaments, ready on provocation to go to war and settle their differences by bloodshed or conquest, is, to say the least, a blot upon the fair name of Christian. We cannot contemplate without the deepest sorrow the horrors of war, involving the reckless sacrifice of human life, that should be held sacred, bitter distress in many households, the destruction of valuable property, the hindering of education and religion, and the general demoralizing of the people.

Moreover, the maintaining of a heavy war force, though war be averted, withdraws multitudes from their homes and the useful pursuits of peace, and imposes a heavy tax upon the people for its support. And further, let it be borne in mind, that wars do not settle causes of dispute between nations on principles of right and justice, but upon the barbaric principle of the triumph of the strongest.

We are encouraged to urge this cause upon your consideration by the fact that much has already been accomplished; as, for example, by the arbi-

tration of Geneva in the Alabama case, and by the deliberations of the American Conference at Washington, not to mention other important cases, It will be a happy day for the world when all international disputes find peaceful solutions; and this we earnestly seek.

As to the method of accomplishing this end, we make no suggestions, but leave that to your superior intelligence and wisdom in matters of state policy.

We invoke upon rulers and people the richest blessings of the Prince of Peace.

Done in annual session at Mitchell, South Dakota, United States of America, this 13th day of October, 1890.

J. N. FITZGERALD, President.

G. D. CLEWORTH, Secretary.

*Resolved 3,* That we hereby appoint Hon. John A. Pickler as our representative to the proposed peace convention to be held in 1891.

#### ARMY CHAPLAINS.

WHEREAS, There are 135 military posts and only 64 army chaplains, and

WHEREAS, The military posts are beyond the reach of local churches, and

WHEREAS, the army is in consequence exposed to great moral evil, be it therefore

*Resolved,* That the moral needs of the army demand not only a chaplain for each regiment, but one for every post.

2. That we request our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to secure the immediate passage of a law supplying this great need.

3. That the Secretary be authorized to send a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives.

WHEREAS, We learn that Rev. A. D. Traveller has been transferred to Rock River Conference and has been assigned to important work in Chicago; therefore

*Resolved,* That while we congratulate Brother Traveller on his good fortune, we wish to express our appreciation of him personally, of his large heartedness, of his tenderness to those who have come under his care, his solicitude for and success in the work committed to him, as pastor and Presiding Elder, and above all the boundless enthusiasm he has infused into those serving with him.

That we take this method of putting on record our appreciation of him.

HENRY M. SPRINGER, ✓

E. E. CLOUGH.

That in accordance with the record of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has always been in the fore front of every reform movement, we en-

dorse the amendment striking out the word *male* from the constitution of our state.

*Resolved*, That the Conference express great sympathy with Mrs. William Fielder and Mrs. A. R. Boggs who are now sick and that we send to them our Christian greetings and esteem.

WHEREAS, We have been favored in having for our Presiding Bishop, James N. Fitzgerald, D. D., during this Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, We have been favorably impressed by his wise administration, therefore

*Resolved*, That we thank him for the kindly manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of our body.

*Resolved further*, 1. That we tender our thanks to the citizens of Mitchell who have opened their hospitable homes to entertain us.

2. That we highly appreciate the untiring efforts of the pastor, Rev. A. W. Adkinson, to make the conference pleasant and successful.

3. That we return our thanks to the various railroads for reduced rates to attendants upon our conference.

I. G. HALL, Chairman.

✓ HENRY M. SPRINGER, Secretary. ✓

*Statistics of Dakota Conference, 1890.*

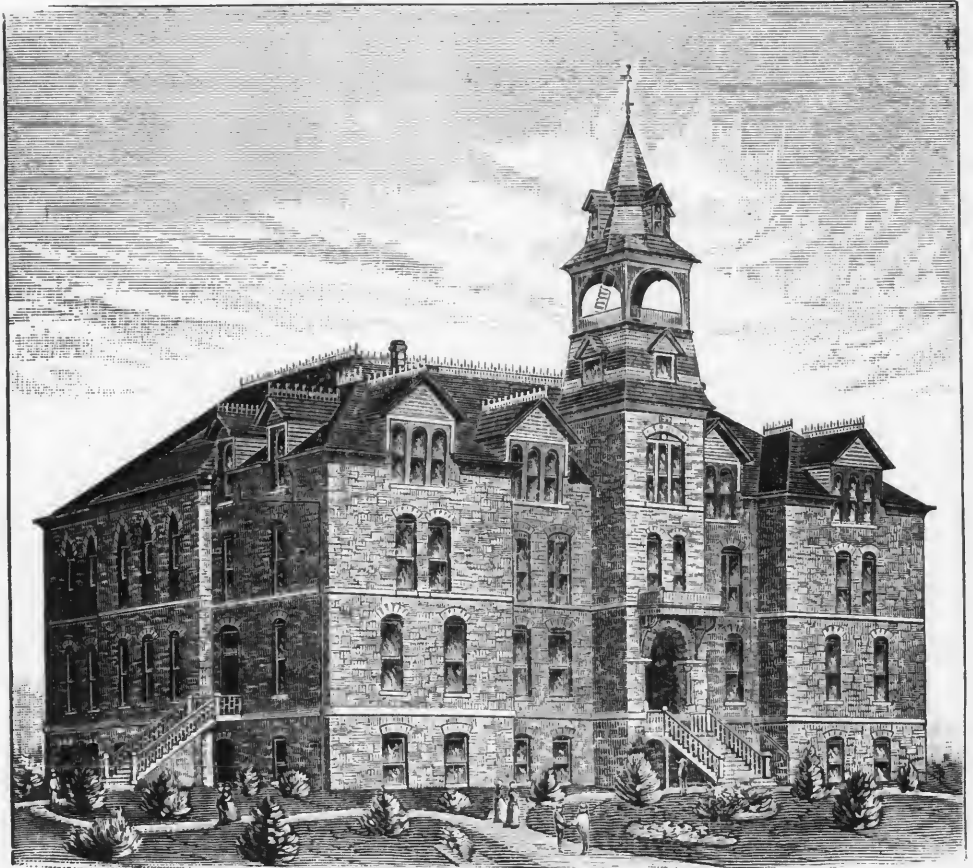
Name of District.	Aberdeen	Huron	Mitchell	St. Louis Falls	Watertown	Totals	Total Decrease
Members and Probationers.	1889 2123	1889 2286	1889 1924	1889 1918	1889 2190	1889 10441	899
No. of Churches.	29 66150	19 58400	23 50835	22 46000	24 72435	121 299535	*4
Value of Churches.	5 66150	8 5300	9 5250	14 9900	15 20500	43 30115	*3
No. of Parsonages.	5 3500	8 5300	8 4390	14 9900	15 20500	43 30115	*10885
Value of Parsonages.	12212	2715	4724	6607	12401	30462	5717
Paid for Building and Improvement.	58 423	58 407	49 375	36 277	47 344	244 1858	22
No. of Schools.	58 423	58 407	49 375	36 277	47 344	244 1858	159
No. of Officers and Teachers.	2452	2486	2048	1800	2364	11613	1006
No. of Scholars of all ages.	637	524	454	737	628	3111	386
Missions.	217	95	106	206	150	835	195
Church Extension.	29	21	20	23	19	125	18
S. S. Union	25	15	19	12	18	103	30
Tract Society.	64	51	56	36	79	994	117
F. A. & S. Ed. Society.	30	48	49	22	29	154	*61
Children's Day	235	158	195	223	195	1029	58
Mitchell University.	60	66	92	75	59	715	*79
W. F. M. Society.	13483	117891	10866	9495	14440	60080	3813
Pastor, House rent, P. Elder and Bishops.	40	45	36	38	42	210	*76
Conference Cl.	40	45	36	38	42	210	

J. P. JENKINS, Statistical Secretary.

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"	1,	1889,			139,837
"	1,	1890,			153,862
SEPT.	10,	1890,			185,000

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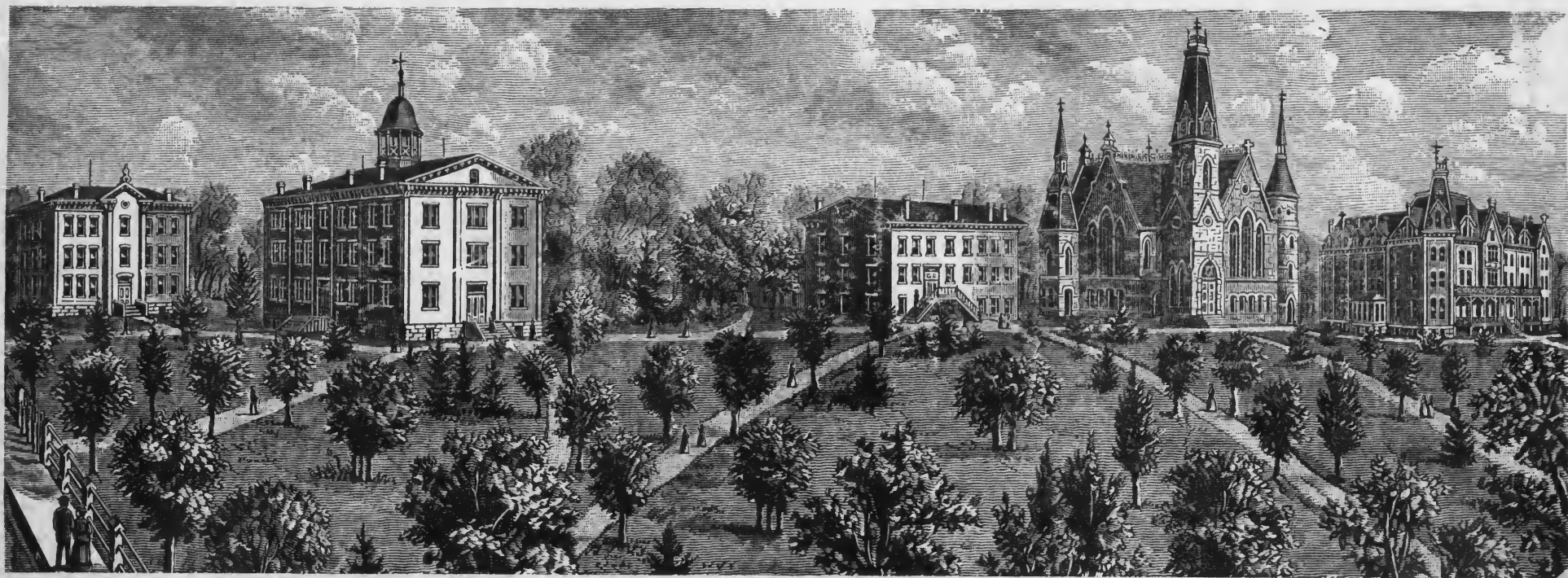
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